

2003 Assembly Bill 74

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2003 WISCONSIN ACT 42

AN ACT *to renumber* 45.19; *to amend* 20.485 (2) (q), 36.27 (3) (title) and 38.24 (5) (title); and *to create* 36.27 (3r), 38.24 (6), 45.19 (2), 45.19 (3) and 115.28 (51) of the statutes; **relating to:** tuition vouchers for students who sound Taps at military honors funerals.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.485 (2) (q) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.485 (2) (q) *Military honors funerals.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to provide military honors funerals for veterans under s. 45.19 (1).

SECTION 2. 36.27 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (3) (title) TUITION REMISSIONS FOR SURVIVORS.

SECTION 3. 36.27 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 (3r) FEE REMISSIONS FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. The board shall grant a \$25 remission of nonresident tuition or academic fees to any student enrolled in the system as an undergraduate for each valid voucher issued to the student under s. 45.19 (3).

SECTION 4. 38.24 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

38.24 (5) (title) FEE REMISSIONS FOR SURVIVORS.

SECTION 5. 38.24 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

38.24 (6) FEE REMISSIONS FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. The district board shall grant a \$25 remission of fees under subs. (1m) and (3) to a student for each valid voucher issued to the student under s. 45.19 (3).

SECTION 6. 45.19 of the statutes is renumbered 45.19 (1).

SECTION 7. 45.19 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

45.19 (2) The department shall create a tuition voucher form to be used by funeral directors under sub. (3). The department shall distribute copies of the tuition voucher form, plus an explanation of the form's use, to every operator of a funeral establishment. The department may not charge a fee for the tuition voucher form or for the distribution of the form.

SECTION 8. 45.19 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

45.19 (3) A funeral director may issue a tuition voucher in the amount of \$25 to an individual who sounds "Taps" on a bugle, trumpet, or cornet during a military honors funeral held in this state for a deceased veteran and who is a student in grades 6 to 12 or at an institution of higher education, as defined under s. 895.515 (1) (b). The tuition voucher may be used at any time for the payment of tuition and required program activity fees at a University of Wisconsin System institution as provided under s. 36.27 (3r) or a technical college as provided under s. 38.24 (6). The department shall encourage private institutions of higher education to accept the vouchers. The vouchers are not transferable.

SECTION 9. 115.28 (51) of the statutes is created to read:

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

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115.28 (51) FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. Encourage school boards to grant an excused absence to a pupil in grades 6

to 12 for the purpose of sounding “Taps” during a military honors funeral for a deceased veteran.
