

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 74

February 18, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, TOWNSEND, LOEFFELHOLZ, TURNER, BIES, PLOUFF, PETTIS, BALOW, AINSWORTH, BOYLE, PETROWSKI, CULLEN, OWENS, GUNDERSON, GRONEMUS, KRAWCZYK, MCCORMICK, COGGS, STONE, OTT, HINES, J. LEHMAN, M. LEHMAN, WARD, OLSEN, HAHN, J. FITZGERALD and HUNDERTMARK, cosponsored by Senators BROWN, LEIBHAM, WIRCH, S. FITZGERALD, WELCH, KANAVAS, BRESKE and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, a student in grades 6 to 12 or at a University of Wisconsin (UW) System school, in-state technical college, or in-state, private, accredited, nonprofit college or university is eligible for a \$25 tuition voucher if he or she sounds “Taps” on a bugle, trumpet, or cornet at a military honors funeral held in this state for a deceased veteran. The bill requires the Board of Regents of the UW System or the Technical College Board to grant a student a \$25 remission of tuition or academic fees for each valid voucher that is issued to the student.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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

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

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

4 36.27 **(3)** (title) TUITION REMISSIONS FOR SURVIVORS.

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

6 36.27 **(3r)** FEE REMISSIONS FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. The board shall grant a \$25
7 remission of nonresident tuition or academic fees to any student enrolled in the
8 system as an undergraduate for each valid voucher issued to the student under s.
9 45.19 (3).

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

11 38.24 **(5)** (title) FEE REMISSIONS FOR SURVIVORS.

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

13 38.24 **(6)** FEE REMISSIONS FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. The district board shall grant
14 a \$25 remission of fees under subs. (1m) and (3) to a student for each valid voucher
15 issued to the student under s. 45.19 (3).

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

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

18 45.19 **(2)** The department shall create a tuition voucher form to be used by
19 funeral directors under sub. (3). The department shall distribute copies of the tuition
20 voucher form, plus an explanation of the form's use, to every operator of a funeral
21 establishment. The department may not charge a fee for the tuition voucher form
22 or for the distribution of the form.

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

24 45.19 **(3)** A funeral director may issue a tuition voucher in the amount of \$25
25 to an individual who sounds "Taps" on a bugle, trumpet, or cornet during a military

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1 honors funeral held in this state for a deceased veteran and who is a student in grades
2 6 to 12 or at an institution of higher education, as defined under s. 895.515 (1) (b).
3 The tuition voucher may be used at any time for the payment of tuition and required
4 program activity fees at a University of Wisconsin System institution as provided
5 under s. 36.27 (3r) or a technical college as provided under s. 38.24 (6). The
6 department shall encourage private institutions of higher education to accept the
7 vouchers. The vouchers are not transferable.

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

9 115.28 (51) FUNERAL ASSISTANTS. Encourage school boards to grant an excused
10 absence to a pupil in grades 6 to 12 for the purpose of sounding “Taps” during a
11 military honors funeral for a deceased veteran.

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