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**Committee on  
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(AC-CU)**

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## Vote Record

### Committee on Colleges and Universities

Date: 4/8/2003

Moved by: Kirsch SSN Kirsch

Seconded by: Schneider Babin

AB 84 SB \_\_\_\_\_ Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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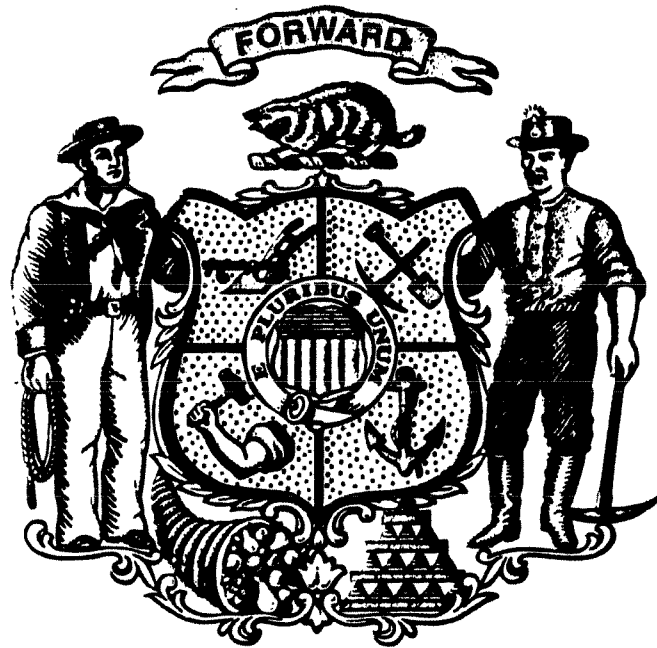
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Be recommended for:

- Passage     Adoption     Confirmation     Concurrence     Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction     Rejection     Tabling     Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Representative Rob Kreibich	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Mark Gottlieb	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Gregg Underheim	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Stephen Nass	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Judy Krawczyk	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Debra Towns	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Jennifer Shilling	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Mark Pocan	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Larry Balow	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Spencer Black	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Marlin Schneider	✓ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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BELOIT COLLEGE  
CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY  
CARROLL COLLEGE  
CARTHAGE COLLEGE  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
EDGEWOOD COLLEGE  
LAKELAND COLLEGE  
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY  
MARIAN COLLEGE

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WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY  
MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN  
MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING  
MOUNT MARY COLLEGE  
NORTHLAND COLLEGE  
RIPON COLLEGE  
ST. NORBERT COLLEGE  
SILVER LAKE COLLEGE  
VITERBO UNIVERSITY  
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

TESTIMONY  
on  
2003 Assembly Bill 84

By  
Dr. Rolf Wegenke, President  
Wisconsin Association of Independent  
Colleges and Universities

Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

April 8, 2003

Good morning. Representative Kreibich and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Rolf Wegenke, and I am the president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU). Our organization represents the more than 54,000 students attending the twenty private (or independent) colleges and universities in the state.

Wisconsin's private colleges and universities value the privacy of students and are highly supportive of efforts to protect privacy. Every WAICU member complies with the federal privacy requirements imposed by the U.S. Department of Education under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). These privacy regulations impose stringent restrictions on the release of student information—both internally and externally to the campus. For example, FERPA even precludes colleges from sharing student records with WAICU.

The 20 private colleges and universities oppose Assembly Bill 84 in its current form on the grounds that it is unnecessary and that it is an unfunded mandate. All but two of the private colleges and universities already assign students an identification number other than their Social Security number. The remaining two are either in the process of modifying their system or have plans to make such changes.

One of the issues raised when 1997 Wisconsin Act 128 was enacted (identical legislation for the UW, technical, and K-12 entities), was the fiscal impact on these public institutions. Unlike the institutions that were addressed by the 1997 Act, private colleges and universities receive no taxpayer support for operations. The costs of the 1997 mandate were borne by the taxpayers. WAICU members will have to bear these costs themselves.

Private colleges and universities in this state are streamlining their operations to control costs. In fact, in late 2001, the U.S. Congress, in a special bipartisan enactment, endorsed the *WAICU Collaboration Project* to serve as a national model for controlling college costs. In the most recent year for which figures are available, our members raised over \$166 million in private money to support financial aid to students. Making the changes required by this proposal will be costly and, one way or another, will mean that our colleges have less money to devote to financial aid.

One way to make this easier for us to manage would be to change the effective date to 2006 instead of 2004 as proposed in the current draft. By this time, the transition for the remaining colleges should be complete. In the meantime, these colleges will be spared from “budget shock.”

As always, all private colleges will continue to observe FERPA restrictions and respect students’ privacy.

Again thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns with respect to AB 84.