

PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

(repeal)

1 AN ACT *to repeal* 20.485 (2) (q), 20.485 (2) (th), 20.485 (2) (vg), 20.485 (2) (vz),
2 20.485 (5) (h), subchapter V (title) of chapter 39 [precedes 39.90] and 45.60 (2);
3 *to renumber* 39.90 (title), 39.90 (1) (intro.), 39.90 (1) (b), 39.90 (1) (c), 39.90 (1)
4 (d), 39.90 (1) (e), 39.90 (1) (f), 39.90 (1) (g), 39.90 (2), 39.90 (3), 39.90 (5), 39.90
5 (7) (title), 39.90 (7) (b), 39.90 (7) (c), 39.90 (7) (cm), 39.90 (7) (d), 39.90 (7) (e) and
6 39.90 (7) (f); *to renumber and amend* 20.485 (5) (g), 20.485 (5) (gm), 39.90 (1)
7 (a), 39.90 (4), 39.90 (6) and 39.90 (7) (a); *to amend* 20.485 (1) (go), 20.485 (2)
8 (vm), 20.485 (4) (r), 25.36 (1), 29.506 (7m) (a), 36.27 (2) (b) 4., 45.03 (5) (c) 1. a.,
9 45.21 (2) (a), 45.31 (9), 45.34 (1) (c), 45.34 (2) (b) 1., 45.42 (2), 45.50 (6) (a), 45.51
10 (3) (b), 45.51 (10) (b) and 45.82 (4); *to repeal and recreate* 45.20, 45.34 (1) (d)
11 and 45.40; *to create* 16.848 (2) (g), 20.485 (1) (q), 38.50 (11), 45.03 (13) (j), 45.03
12 (13) (k), 45.03 (13) (L), 45.03 (13) (m), 45.03 (13) (n), 45.31 (15), 45.33 (1) (d),
13 45.34 (3) and 45.42 (12) of the statutes; and *to affect* 2005 Wisconsin Act
14 (assembly Bill 100), section 9353 (2q) and 2005 Wisconsin Act (assembly Bill

1 100), section 9353 (2r); **relating to:** veterans benefits and programs and the
2 educational approval board and making an appropriation.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill reconciles the treatment of the veterans related items in 2005 Wisconsin Act ... (Assembly Bill 210) and 2005 Wisconsin Act ... (Assembly Bill 100).

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 16.848 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

4 16.848 (2) (g) Subsection (1) does not apply to property that is subject to sale
5 by the department of veterans affairs under s. 45.32 (7).

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.485 (1) (go) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
7 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

8 20.485 (1) (go) *Self-amortizing housing facilities; principal repayment and*
9 *interest.* From the moneys received for providing housing services at Wisconsin
10 veterans homes under s. 45.50 and the Northern Wisconsin Center for the
11 Developmentally Disabled, a sum sufficient to reimburse s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the
12 principal and interest costs incurred in acquiring, constructing, developing,
13 enlarging or improving housing facilities at Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50
14 and the Northern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled and to make
15 the payments determined by the building commission under s. 13.488 (1) (m) that are
16 attributable to the proceeds of obligations incurred in financing such facilities.

17 **SECTION 3.** 20.485 (1) (q) of the statutes is created to read:

1 20.485 (1) (q) *Assistance to indigent residents*. From the veterans trust fund,
2 the amounts in the schedule for the payment of assistance to indigent veterans under

3 s. ^{45.43}~~45.393~~ to enable the veterans to reside at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union
4 Grove. → insert ~~above~~ (2) (b), ⁽²⁾(f), and ⁽²⁾(~~g~~) ^{km}

5 **SECTION 4.** 20.485 (2) (q) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
6 (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.

7 **SECTION 5.** 20.485 (2) (th) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
8 (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.

9 **SECTION 6.** 20.485 (2) (vg) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
10 (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.

11 **SECTION 7.** 20.485 (2) (vm) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
12 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

13 20.485 (2) (vm) ~~*Subsistence aid*~~ *Assistance to needy veterans*. The amounts in
14 the schedule for ~~payment of subsistence aid to veterans and their dependents under~~
15 payments under s. 45.40 (1).

16 **SECTION 8.** 20.485 (2) (vz) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
17 (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.

18 **SECTION 9.** 20.485 (4) (r) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
19 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

20 20.485 (4) (r) *Cemetery energy costs*. From the veterans trust fund, the amounts
21 in the schedule to be used at the veterans memorial cemeteries operated under s.
22 45.61 for utilities and for fuel, heat and air conditioning and for costs incurred by or
23 on behalf of the department of veterans affairs under ~~ss. s.~~ s. 16.858 and 16.895.

24 **SECTION 10.** 20.485 (5) (g) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
25 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 20.292 (2) (g) and amended to read:

[INSERT 20.485(5)(title)] ✓

1 20.292 (2) (g) *Proprietary school programs.* The amounts in the schedule for
2 the examination and approval of proprietary school programs. All Ninety percent of
3 all moneys received from the issuance of solicitor's permits under s. 39.90 (6) 38.50
4 (8) and from the fees under s. 39.90 (7) 38.50 (10) shall be credited to this
5 appropriation account, ~~except those fees credited to par. (gm)~~

6 **SECTION 11.** 20.485 (5) (gm) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
7 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 20.292 (2) (gm) and amended to read:

8 20.292 (2) (gm) *Student protection.* All moneys received from the fees received
9 under s. ~~39.90 (7) 38.50 (10) (c) 4.~~ and all moneys transferred under 2005 Wisconsin
10 Act ... (this act), section 9246 (1m), from the appropriation account under par. (g),
11 for the purpose of indemnifying students, parents, or sponsors under s. 39.90 (7) (a)
12 38.50 (10) (a) and for the purpose of preserving under s. 38.50 (11) the student records
13 of schools, as defined in s. 38.50 (11) (a) 2., that have discontinued their operations.

14 **SECTION 12.** 20.485 (5) (h) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 13.** 25.36 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 25.36 (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), all moneys appropriated or transferred
17 by law shall constitute the veterans trust fund which shall be used for the lending
18 of money to the mortgage loan repayment fund under s 45.37 (5) (a) 12. and for the
19 veterans programs under ss. 20.485 (2) (m), (mn), (tm), (u), (v), (vo), (vy), (vz), (w),
20 (z), and (zm), 45.03 (19), 45.07, 45.20, 45.21, 45.40 (1), 45.41, 45.42, 45.43, and 45.82
21 and administered by the department of veterans affairs, including all moneys
22 received from the federal government for the benefit of veterans or their dependents;
23 all moneys paid as interest on and repayment of loans under the post-war
24 rehabilitation fund; soldiers rehabilitation fund, veterans housing funds as they
25 existed prior to July 1, 1961; all moneys paid as interest on and repayment of loans

was affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ... (Assembly Bill 210)

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1 under this fund; all moneys paid as expenses for, interest on, and repayment of
 2 veterans trust fund stabilization loans under s. 45.356, 1995 stats.; all moneys paid
 3 as expenses for, interest on, and repayment of veterans personal loans; the net
 4 proceeds from the sale of mortgaged properties related to veterans personal loans;
 5 all mortgages issued with the proceeds of the 1981 veterans home loan revenue bond
 6 issuance purchased with moneys in the veterans trust fund; all moneys received from
 7 the state investment board under s. 45.42 (8) (b); all moneys received from the
 8 veterans mortgage loan repayment fund under s. 45.37 (7) (a) and (c); and all gifts
 9 of money received by the board of veterans affairs for the purposes of this fund.

10 SECTION 14. 29.506 (7m) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
 11 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

12 29.506 (7m) (a) The department shall issue a taxidermy school permit to a
 13 person who applies for the permit; who, on August 15, 1991, holds a valid
 14 taxidermist permit issued under this section; and who, on August 15, 1991, operates
 15 a taxidermy school approved by the educational approval board under s. ~~39.90~~ 38.50.

16 SECTION 15. 36.27 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
 17 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

18 36.27 (2) (b) 4. A person who was a resident of this state at the time of entry
 19 into active duty, who is a resident of and living in this state at the time of registering
 20 at an institution, and who is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12), and who is a
 21 resident for purposes of receiving benefits under ch. 45, is entitled to the exemption
 22 under par. (a).

23 SECTION 16. 38.50 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

24 38.50 (11) CLOSED SCHOOLS, PRESERVATION OF RECORDS. (a) In this subsection:

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1. "Association" means the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or a successor organization.

2. Notwithstanding sub. (1) (e), "school" has the meaning given in sub. (1) (e) (intro.) and also includes a school described in sub. (1) (e) 1., 6., 7., or 8.

3. "Student record" means, in the case of a school, as defined in sub. (1) (e) (intro.), a transcript for a student or former student of a school showing the name of the student, the title of the program in which the student was or is enrolled, the total number of credits or hours of instruction completed by the student, the dates of enrollment, the grade for each course, lesson, or unit of instruction completed by the student, the student's cumulative grade for the program, and an explanation of the school's credit and grading system. In the case of a school described in sub. (1) (e) 1., 6., 7., or 8., "student record" means a transcript for a student or former student of the school showing such information about the academic work completed by the student or former student as is customarily maintained by the school.

(b) 1. If a school operating in this state discontinues its operations, proposes to discontinue its operations, or is in imminent danger of discontinuing its operations as determined by the board, if the student records of the school are not taken into possession under subd. 2., and if the board determines that the student records of the school are in danger of being destroyed, secreted, mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the persons who are the subjects of those student records or the authorized representatives of those persons, the board may take possession of those student records.

2. If a school operating in this state that is a member of the association discontinues its operations, proposes to discontinue its operations, or is in imminent danger of discontinuing its operations as determined by the association and if the

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1 association determines that the student records of the school are in danger of being
2 destroyed, secreted, mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the persons who are
3 the subjects of those student records or the authorized representatives of those
4 persons, the association shall take possession of those student records.

5 (c) If necessary to protect student records from being destroyed, secreted,
6 mislaid, or otherwise made unavailable to the persons who are the subjects of those
7 student records or the authorized representatives of those persons, the board or
8 association may seek a court order authorizing the board or association to take
9 possession of those student records.

10 (d) The board or association shall preserve a student record that comes into the
11 possession of the board or association under par. (b) 1. or 2. and shall keep the student
12 record confidential as provided under 20 USC 1232g and 34 CFR part 99. A student
13 record in the possession of the board is not open to public inspection or copying under
14 s. 19.35 (1). Upon request of the person who is the subject of a student record or an
15 authorized representative of that person, the board or association shall provide a
16 copy of the student record to the requester. The board or association may charge a
17 fee for providing a copy of a student record. The fee shall be based on the
18 administrative cost of taking possession of, preserving, and providing the copy of the
19 student record. All fees collected by the board under this paragraph shall be credited
20 to the appropriation account under s. 20.292 (2) (i).

21 SECTION 17. Subchapter V (title) of chapter 39 [precedes 39.90] of the statutes,
22 as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act ... (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed.

23 SECTION 18. 39.90 (title) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act ...
24 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (title).

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1 **SECTION 19.** 39.90 (1) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
2 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (intro.).

3 **SECTION 20.** 39.90 (1) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
4 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (a) and amended to read:

5 38.50 (1) (a) “Board” Notwithstanding s. 38.01 (2), “board” means the
6 educational approval board.

7 **SECTION 21.** 39.90 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
8 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (b).

9 **SECTION 22.** 39.90 (1) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
10 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (c).

11 **SECTION 23.** 39.90 (1) (d) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
12 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (d).

13 **SECTION 24.** 39.90 (1) (e) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
14 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (e).

15 **SECTION 25.** 39.90 (1) (f) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
16 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (f).

17 **SECTION 26.** 39.90 (1) (g) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
18 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (1) (g).

19 **SECTION 27.** 39.90 (2) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
20 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (2).

21 **SECTION 28.** 39.90 (3) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
22 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (3).

23 **SECTION 29.** 39.90 (4) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
24 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (5) and amended to read:

1 38.50 (5) EMPLOYEES, QUARTERS. The board shall employ a person to perform
2 the duties of an executive secretary and any other persons under the classified
3 service that may be necessary to carry out the board's responsibilities. The person
4 performing the duties of the executive secretary shall be in charge of the
5 administrative functions of the board. The board shall, to the maximum extent
6 practicable, keep its office with the ~~department of veterans affairs~~ technical college
7 system board.

8 **SECTION 30.** 39.90 (5) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
9 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (7).

10 **SECTION 31.** 39.90 (6) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
11 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (8), and 38.50 (8) (b) and (c) 5., as
12 renumbered, are amended to read:

13 38.50 (8) (b) *Solicitor's permit.* The application for a solicitor's permit shall be
14 made on a form furnished by the board and shall be accompanied by a fee and a surety
15 bond acceptable to the board in the sum of \$2,000. The board shall, by rule, specify
16 the amount of the fee for a solicitor's permit. The bond may be continuous and shall
17 be conditioned to provide indemnification to any student suffering loss as the result
18 of any fraud or misrepresentation used in procuring his or her enrollment or as a
19 result of the failure of the school to perform faithfully the agreement the solicitor
20 made with the student, and may be supplied by the solicitor or by the school itself
21 either as a blanket bond covering each of its solicitors in the amount of \$2,000 or the
22 surety bond under sub. (5) (7) (i). Upon approval of a permit, the board shall issue
23 an identification card to the solicitor giving his or her name and address, the name
24 and address of the employing school, and certifying that the person whose name
25 appears on the card is authorized to solicit students for the school. A permit shall

1 be valid for one year from the date issued. Liability under this paragraph of the
2 surety on the bond for each solicitor covered by the bond shall not exceed the sum of
3 \$2,000 as an aggregate for any and all students for all breaches of the conditions of
4 the bond. The surety of a bond may cancel the bond upon giving 30 days' notice in
5 writing to the board and shall be relieved of liability under this paragraph upon
6 giving the notice for any breach of condition occurring after the effective date of the
7 cancellation. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee, a surety bond
8 acceptable to the board in the sum of \$2,000 if a continuous bond has not been
9 furnished, and such information as the board requests of the applicant. The board
10 shall, by rule, specify the amount of the fee for renewal of a solicitor's permit.

11 (c) 5. Failure of the school which the solicitor represents to meet requirements
12 and standards established by and to comply with rules promulgated by the board
13 under sub. ~~(5)~~ (7).

14 **SECTION 32.** 39.90 (7) (title) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
15 ... (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (title).

16 **SECTION 33.** 39.90 (7) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
17 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (a) and amended to read:

18 38.50 (10) (a) *Authority.* All proprietary schools shall be examined and
19 approved by the board before operating in this state. Approval shall be granted to
20 schools meeting the criteria established by the board for a period not to exceed one
21 year. No school may advertise in this state unless approved by the board. All
22 approved schools shall submit quarterly reports, including information on
23 enrollment, number of teachers and their qualifications, course offerings, number of
24 graduates, number of graduates successfully employed, and such other information
25 as the board considers necessary. If a school closure results in losses to students,

1 parents, or sponsors, the board may authorize the full or partial payment of those
2 losses from the appropriation under s. ~~20.485 (5)~~ 20.292 (2) (gm).

3 **SECTION 34.** 39.90 (7) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
4 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (b).

5 **SECTION 35.** 39.90 (7) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
6 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (c).

7 **SECTION 36.** 39.90 (7) (cm) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
8 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (cm).

9 **SECTION 37.** 39.90 (7) (d) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
10 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (d).

11 **SECTION 38.** 39.90 (7) (e) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
12 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (e).

13 **SECTION 39.** 39.90 (7) (f) of the statutes, as created by 2005 Wisconsin Act
14 (Assembly Bill 210), is renumbered 38.50 (10) (f).

15 **SECTION 40.** 45.03 (5) (c) 1. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
16 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

17 45.03 (5) (c) 1. a. Without limitation by reason of any other provisions of the
18 statutes except s. 16.848, unless otherwise required by law, the power to sell and to
19 convey title in fee simple to a nonprofit corporation any land and any existing
20 buildings owned by the state that are under the jurisdiction of the department for
21 the consideration and upon the terms and conditions as in the judgment of the board
22 are in the public interest.

23 **SECTION 41.** 45.03 (13) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

24 45.03 (13) (j) Provide grants to eligible persons who administer a program to
25 identify, train, and place volunteers at the community level who will assist national

1 guard members, members of the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated in the U.S.
2 armed forces, and their spouses and dependents, who return to this state after
3 serving on active duty. The department shall make available to the volunteers,
4 veterans, and their spouses and dependents, a packet of information about the
5 benefits that they may be eligible to receive from the state or federal government.
6 This paragraph does not apply after June 30, 2007.

7 **SECTION 42.** 45.03 (13) (k) of the statutes is created to read:

8 45.03 (13) (k) Provide \$117,300 in 2005–06 and \$117,300 in 2006–07 to a
9 housing authority in a 1st class city in a county with a population of at least 500,000
10 to supplement the housing costs of chronically homeless veterans and their families
11 if the housing authority does all of the following:

12 1. Provides evidence that the money will be used to provide multi-family
13 housing for individuals and families that contain at least one veteran who has been
14 chronically homeless.

15 2. Uses at least 50 percent of the money for supplementing temporary privately
16 owned rental housing costs and the remainder for subsidizing public rental housing
17 costs.

18 3. In coordination with the department, submits reports to the legislature
19 under s. 13.172 (2) and to the governor by August 15, 2006, and August 15, 2007, that
20 contain the following information related to the money received in the previous fiscal
21 year:

22 a. The number of veterans that received a housing supplement.

23 b. The size of the veterans' households.

24 c. The amount of the supplement and time that the supplement was provided
25 to each veteran's household.

1 d. The housing status of the assisted veteran's household at the time the
2 supplement ended.

3 e. Any other information that the department considers necessary to evaluate
4 the program.

5 **SECTION 43.** 45.03 (13) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

6 45.03 (13) (L) Provide verification to the educational institution of the
7 information required under s. 36.27 (3p) (a) or 38.24 (8) (a).

8 **SECTION 44.** 45.03 (13) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

9 45.03 (13) (m) Provide verification to the educational institution of the
10 information required under s. 36.27 (3n) (a) or 38.24 (7) (a).

11 **SECTION 45.** 45.03 (13) (n) of the statutes is created to read:

12 45.03 (13) (n) Provide verification to the department of revenue of the
13 information required under s. 71.07 (6e) (a) 2. or 3.

14 **SECTION 46.** 45.20 of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
15 (Assembly Bill 210), is repealed and recreated to read:

16 **45.20 Tuition reimbursement.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

17 (a) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning given in 20 USC 1001 (a).

18 (b) "Median household income" means the median family income for the state,
19 as determined annually by the U.S. department of housing and urban development. ✓

20 (c) "Part-time classroom study" means any of the following:

21 1. Enrollment in courses for which no more than 11 semester or the equivalent
22 trimester or quarter credits will be given upon satisfactory completion.

23 2. Enrollment in courses during a summer semester or session.

24 (d) "Tuition," when referring to the University of Wisconsin System, means
25 "academic fees," as described in s. 36.27 (1), when referring to the technical colleges,

1 means "program fees," as described in s. 38.24 (1m) (a) and (b) and, when referring
2 to a high school, a school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), or a proprietary school
3 that is approved under s. ^{38.50}~~39.90~~, means the charge for the courses for which a person
4 is enrolled.

5 (2) TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. (a) *Administration*. The department
6 shall administer a tuition reimbursement program for eligible veterans enrolling as
7 undergraduates in any institution of higher education in this state, enrolling in a
8 school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), enrolling in a proprietary school that is
9 approved under s. 38.50, enrolling in a public or private high school, or receiving a
10 waiver of nonresident tuition under s. 39.47. A veteran who is a resident of this state
11 and otherwise qualified to receive benefits under this ^{sub}section may receive the
12 benefits under this ^{sub}section upon the completion of any correspondence courses or
13 part-time classroom study from an institution of higher education located outside
14 this state, from a school that is approved under s. 45.03 (11), or from a proprietary
15 school that is approved under s. 38.50, if any of the following applies:

16 ^{a.} 1. The part-time classroom study is not offered within 50 miles of the veteran's
17 residence by any school or institution under ~~par (a)~~ ^{EXEMPTED} and the educational institution
18 from which the study is offered is located not more than 50 miles from the boundary
19 line of this state.

20 ^{b.} 2. The correspondence course is not offered in this state.

21 (b) *Eligibility*. 1. A veteran is eligible for the tuition reimbursement program
22 if he or she meets all of the following criteria:

23 a. The annual income of the veteran and his or her spouse does not exceed
24 \$50,000 plus \$1,000 for each dependent in excess of 2 dependents.

subd. 1. b.

1 b. The veteran applies for the ~~tuition reimbursement~~ program for courses
2 begun within 10 years after separation from the service. This ~~subdivision~~ ^{paragraph} does not
3 apply to a veteran who is applying for reimbursement for up to 60 credits of part-time
4 classroom study courses.

5 c. The veteran is a resident at the time of application for the ~~tuition~~
6 ~~reimbursement~~ program and was a Wisconsin resident at the time of entry or ~~reentry~~
7 into service or was a resident for any consecutive 12-month period after entry or
8 ~~reentry~~ into service and before the date of his or her application. If a person applying
9 for a benefit under this subsection meets the residency requirement of 12 consecutive
10 months, the department may not require the person to reestablish that he or she
11 meets that residency requirement when he or she later applies for any other benefit
12 under this chapter that requires that residency.

13 2. In determining eligibility ~~for grants~~ ^{sub} under this section, the department shall
14 verify all reported income amounts by contacting the employer designated by the
15 veteran or spouse, securing a copy of their prior year's income tax returns or
16 obtaining a profit and loss statement from the veteran for at least 6 of the 12 months
17 immediately preceding the loan application date.

18 3. A veteran is not eligible under this program if the veteran has an
19 undergraduate degree from any institution of higher education.

20 (c) *Program benefits.* 1. A veteran who meets the eligibility requirements
21 under par. (b) 1. may be reimbursed upon satisfactory completion of an
22 undergraduate semester in any institution of higher education in this state, or upon
23 satisfactory completion of a course at any school that is approved under s. ~~45.35~~ ^{45.03 (11)} (9m),
24 any proprietary school that is approved under s. 38.50, any public or private high
25 school, or any institution from which the veteran receives a waiver of nonresident

1 tuition under s. 39.47. Except as provided in ~~sub (5)~~ ^{par. (e)}, the amount of reimbursement
2 may not exceed the total cost of the veteran's tuition minus any grants or
3 scholarships that the veteran receives specifically for the payment of the tuition, or,
4 if the tuition is for an undergraduate semester in any institution of higher education,
5 the standard cost of tuition for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate
6 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, whichever is less.

7 2. An application for reimbursement of tuition under ~~sub 1~~ ^{this subsection} shall meet all of
8 the following requirements:

9 a. Be completed and received by the department no later than 60 days after the
10 completion of the semester or course. The department may accept an application
11 received more than 60 days after the completion of the semester or course if the
12 applicant shows good cause for the delayed receipt.

13 b. Contain the information necessary to establish eligibility as determined by
14 the department.

15 c. Be on the application form established by the department.

16 d. Contain the signatures of both the applicant and a representative of the
17 institution or school certifying that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the
18 semester.

19 3. Reimbursement provided under ~~sub 1~~ ^{this subsection} shall be paid from the appropriation
20 under s. 20.485 (2) (tf). If the amount of funds applied for exceeds the amount
21 available under s. 20.485 (2) (tf), the department may reduce the reimbursement
22 percentage, except to disabled veterans who are eligible for 100 percent of tuition and
23 fees under ~~sub (5)~~ ^{par. (e)}, or deny applications for reimbursement that would otherwise
24 qualify under ~~sub~~ ^{sub} this section. In those cases, the department shall determine the
25 reimbursement percentage, except to disabled veterans who are eligible for 100

par. (e) ✓

① percent of tuition and fees under ~~sub. (5)~~, and eligibility on the basis of the dates on
2 which applications for reimbursement were received.

3 4. Reimbursement of tuition for a course may be provided at an institution or
4 school under ~~par. (a)~~ ^{see this paragraph} other than the one from which the veteran is receiving his or
5 her degree or certificate of graduation or course completion if all of the following
6 apply:

7 a. The curriculum at the institution or school consists only of courses necessary
8 to complete a degree in a particular course of study.

9 b. The course is accepted as transfer credits at the institution or school listed
10 under ~~par. (a)~~ ^{see this paragraph} from which the veteran is receiving his or her degree but is not
11 available at that institution or school.

this subsection

12 (d) *Limitations.* 1. A veteran's eligibility for reimbursement under ~~sub. (2)~~ at
13 any institution of higher education ^{see} in this state, at a school that is approved under
14 s. 45.03 (11), at a proprietary school that is approved under s. 38.50, at a public or
15 private high school, or at an institution where he or she is receiving a waiver of
16 nonresident tuition under s. 39.47 ^{see} is limited to the following:

17 a. If the veteran served on active duty, except service on active duty for training
18 purposes, for 90 to 180 days, the veteran may be reimbursed for a maximum of 30
19 credits or 2 semesters, or an equivalent amount of credits or semesters if at a school
20 other than an institution of higher education.

21 b. If the veteran served on active duty, except service on active duty for training
22 purposes, for 181 to 730 days, the veteran may be reimbursed for a maximum of 60
23 credits or 4 semesters, or an equivalent amount of credits or semesters if at a school
24 other than an institution of higher education.

1 c. If the veteran served on active duty, except service on active duty for training
2 purposes, for more than 730 days, the veteran may be reimbursed for a maximum
3 of 120 credits or 8 semesters, or an equivalent amount of credits or semesters if at
4 a school other than an institution of higher education.

5 2. The department may provide reimbursement under ~~sub. (2)~~ ^{this subsection ✓} to a veteran who
6 is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments or who owes past support,
7 medical expenses or birth expenses, as established by appearance of the veteran's
8 name on the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), only if the veteran
9 provides the department with one of the following:

10 a. A repayment agreement that the veteran has entered into, that has been
11 accepted by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and that has been kept
12 current for the 6-month period immediately preceding the date of the application.

13 b. A statement that the veteran is not delinquent in child support or
14 maintenance payments and does not owe past support, medical expenses or birth
15 expenses, signed by the department of workforce development or its designee within
16 7 working days before the date of the application. ^{this subsection ✓}

17 3. A veteran may not receive reimbursement under ~~sub. (2)~~ for any semester
18 in which he or she is eligible for or received a grant under s. 21.49 or under 10 USC
19 2007. ^{this subsection ✓}

20 4. A veteran may not receive reimbursement under ~~sub. (2)~~ for any semester
21 in which the veteran fails to receive at least a 2.0 grade point average or an average
22 grade of "C". ^{this subsection ✓}

23 (e) *Disabled veteran eligibility.* A disabled veteran who meets the requirements
24 under this ^{sub}section and whose disability is rated at 30% or more under 38 USC 1114
25 or 1134 may be reimbursed for up to 100% of the cost of tuition and fees, but that [✓]

1 reimbursement is limited to 100% of the standard cost for a state resident for tuition
2 and fees for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of
3 Wisconsin-Madison per course if the tuition and fees are for an undergraduate
4 semester in any institution of higher education.

5 (f) *Reporting requirements.* The department shall promulgate a rule that
6 establishes the number of days after the commencement of an academic term that
7 begins after December 31, 200~~6~~⁵, by which a veteran who will be seeking
8 reimbursement under this section must provide ~~X~~ to the department with all of the
9 following information:

- 10 1. The veteran's name.
- 11 2. The educational institution the veteran is attending.
- 12 3. Whether the veteran is enrolled full-time or part-time at the educational
13 institution.
- 14 4. An estimate of the amount of tuition reimbursement that the veteran will
15 claim at the end of the academic term.

16 **SECTION 47.** 45.21 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
17 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read:

18 45.21 (2) (a) The veteran is enrolled in a training course in a technical college
19 under ch. 38 or in a proprietary school in the state approved by the educational
20 approval board under s. ~~39.90~~ 38.50, other than a proprietary school offering a
21 4-year degree or 4-year program, or is engaged in a structured on-the-job training
22 program that meets program requirements promulgated by the department by rule.

23 **SECTION 48.** 45.31 (9) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
24 (Assembly Bill 210), is amended to read: