

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 877

December 9, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives TOWNS, HINES, NASS, GUNDERSON, ALBERS, OWENS, STRACHOTA, GOTTLIEB and NISCHKE, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN and BROWN. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 39.41 (1) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the earning of
2 certain mathematics and science credits as a condition of eligibility for an
3 academic excellence higher education scholarship.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain high school seniors, designated on the basis of grade point average, who in the academic year following their senior year enroll, on a full-time basis, in a public or private institution of higher education in this state. Under the program, a higher education scholarship recipient who enrolls in an institution within the University of Wisconsin (UW) System or the Technical College System (TCS) is exempt from all tuition and fees, up to \$2,250 per academic year, for each year, up to four years in the UW System and three years in the TCS, that the recipient is enrolled full time, maintains at least a 3.000 grade point average, and makes satisfactory progress toward an associate or a bachelor's degree.

This bill, beginning with pupils who are seniors in the 2009-10 school year, limits eligibility for a higher education scholarship to pupils who have earned, or who by the time of graduation are expected to have earned, in the high school grades at least four credits of mathematics and four credits of science.

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

