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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 2005-06

(session year)

### Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

### Committee on Colleges and Universities...

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(**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)  
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October 4, 2005

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (10) Representatives Kreibich, Ballweg, Underheim,  
Nass, Jeskewitz, Towns, Shilling, Schneider,  
Black, Molepske.

Absent: (2) Representatives Lamb and Boyle.

Moved by Representative Underheim, seconded by Representative  
Shilling that **Assembly Amendment 1** be recommended for  
introduction.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Kreibich, Ballweg,  
Underheim, Nass, Jeskewitz, Towns,  
Shilling, Schneider, Black, Molepske.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Representatives Lamb and Boyle.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1  
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Underheim, seconded by Representative  
Black that **Assembly Bill 387** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Kreibich, Ballweg,  
Underheim, Nass, Jeskewitz, Towns,  
Shilling, Schneider, Black, Molepske.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Representatives Lamb and Boyle.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 0

  
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Brad Hub  
Committee Clerk

## Vote Record Committee on Colleges and Universities

Date: Oct 4 2005

Moved by: Underheim

Seconded by: Shilling

AB 387 Underheim SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

A/S Amdt \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage     Adoption     Confirmation     Concurrence     Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction     Rejection     Tabling     Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

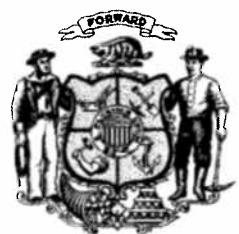
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Representative Rob Kreibich, Chair	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Joan Ballweg	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Gregg Underheim	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Stephen Nass	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Debra Towns	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Andy Lamb		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Jennifer Shilling	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Marlin Schneider	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Spencer Black	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Frank <del>Boyle</del>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Louis Molepske	X	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Totals:</b>		<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	_____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





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8-16-05

To: Chairman Kreibich  
Members of the Committee on Colleges and Universities

Chairman Kreibich, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Assembly Bill 387. My name is Kathryn Osborne. I am a masters prepared, registered nurse and nursing educator. I am providing written testimony at this time as I will be out of town and unable to attend the public hearing scheduled for 9-6-05. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

First, I would like to thank you for the work that you have done to address the nursing shortage in Wisconsin. AB 387 has the potential to contribute to a reduction in the nursing shortage that we are presently experiencing in Wisconsin. As you are aware, we are not only facing a shortage of nurses prepared to provide bed-side care, we also have a shortage of advanced practice nurses prepared to do primary care, and to work as educators in basic nursing programs.

While I support AB 387, as introduced, the bill could be amended to further expand educational opportunities for Wisconsin nurses. As we seek ways in which to expand undergraduate opportunities for nursing education, it is imperative that we also increase the number of doctorally prepared nurses to serve as faculty in these programs. Presently, the pool of nurses in Wisconsin who have a doctoral degree is extremely small. In an attempt to increase that number, I would like to suggest that you consider an amendment in Section 1 that reads as follows:

Create s. 39.393 (1) (g) A program in this state that confers a doctoral degree in nursing.

Also, by offering the loan program only to nurses who attend a program in this state, the bill limits the opportunity for advanced education to only those nurses who are able to relocate for school. This is especially problematic for nurses who live in rural areas – areas that are experiencing the most severe shortage. As you are probably aware, most nurses are second wage earners in a family. It is extremely difficult for families to give up the income of the primary wage earner and make a decision to move to one of the few cities in the state that are home to education programs that offer a master's degree in nursing.

To respond to the challenges faced by nurses who are unable to relocate for school, educational institutions across the country have established opportunities for advanced education through distance learning. The goal of these institutions is to offer education to nurses who are already working and committed to remain in their community upon graduation without requiring that they relocate for school. Presently, there are several accredited and highly respected education programs that offer a master's degree in nursing through distance education. Graduates of these programs receive a master's degree in nursing and are eligible to take the certifying exam for nurse practitioners and/or nurse midwives. Approximately one fourth of the nurse-midwives in Wisconsin are graduates of distance learning programs, and the number of nurse practitioners who receive their degree through distance learning is growing.

As a graduate of a distance learning program from which I attained a Master of Science in Nursing, I am presently in full scope nurse-midwifery practice in Milwaukee, providing care for a population that is severely under-served. I also serve on the faculty of the oldest and largest nurse-midwifery education program in the country, The Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, which offers distance education for nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners. We presently have 11 nurses from Wisconsin in the program who will be prepared to work as masters prepared nurse educators, nurse-midwives or nurse practitioners in this state upon graduation. They are all learning in their own communities (most of them rural) and are committed to remain in their community after graduation. I realize that at this time, fiscal responsibility makes it difficult to amend AB387 to offer this loan program to nurses who are enrolled in distance learning programs. I hope that in the near future we will be able to find creative ways in which to extend programs like this to students enrolled in all forms of graduate education. I look forward to answering any questions you might have on this matter. Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Representative Jean Hundertmark

Assembly Bill 387

Assembly Committee on Colleges & Universities

Thank you, Chairman Kreibich and committee members, for holding a hearing on Assembly Bill 387. The bill would expand our current Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program to include nurses that receive a Master's Degree in Nursing and become nurse educators. I've amended the bill to also include PhD candidates.

The original Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program was an idea that was generated from a Legislative Council Study Committee on Labor Shortages that I chaired in 2000. Information presented to the committee indicated that the industry most affected by the oncoming retirement of the baby boomer generation is health care. Nursing, whose workers average age is 45, is going to be hit the hardest as it not only loses employees to retirement, but it also needs to care for the ever-expanding group of individuals in their 60's and 70's. Because of these needs, I was able to include this provision in the 2001/03 State Budget and it was signed into law.

The loan program is run through the 34 higher education institutions in Wisconsin that offer nursing programs. Each campus gets an equal sum to award to students as loans. A total of \$450,000 is distributed. If there is any remaining balance, the amount is then returned to the state and redistributed to campuses that have a greater need. Early numbers show that we should be close to reaching our goal of distributing 100% of the amount available for loans for this year. Monies paid back to the state are returned to the general fund.

This program is not a full forgiveness program. An individual will have 25% of their loan's principal plus interest forgiven once they complete their first year of employment as a nurse in Wisconsin. An additional 25% is forgiven after their second year. This is a joint partnership between the state and the student and the program reflects that philosophy.

Since the creation of this initial program, it has become apparent that Wisconsin is also in dire need of educators to teach our future nurses. It is estimated that by 2006, one third of our nurse educators will reach retirement age. With private practice offering higher salaries to lure current teachers out of the profession, we need to provide incentives to attract more of them into the classroom. For this reason, Assembly Bill 387 expands the Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program to nurse educators.

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