



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 804

March 4, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives PETERSEN, SUDER, NYGREN, PRIDEMORE, SPANBAUER, TOWNSEND, VAN ROY, BIES, BROOKS, GUNDRUM, KLEEFISCH and LOTHIAN, cosponsored by Senators S. FITZGERALD and OLSEN. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 36.27 (3n) (b) (intro.), 36.27 (3p) (b), 38.24 (7) (b) (intro.) and
2 38.24 (8) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** remission of fees for veterans and their
3 dependents enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or in a technical
4 college.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Board of Regents of the UW System (Board of Regents) and each technical college district board (district board) to grant remission of academic fees to certain veterans who are residents of this state for veterans benefits purposes and to the spouse, unremarried surviving spouse, and children (dependents) of a veteran who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into service and who either: 1) while a resident of this state, died on active duty, died as the result of a service-connected disability, or died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty for training purposes; or 2) incurred at least a 30 percent service-connected disability rating. In the case of a veteran enrolled in the UW System, “academic fees” includes nonresident tuition.

Current law requires the Board of Regents and a district board to grant full remission of academic fees charged for up to 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, less the amount of any academic fees paid under the federal Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program, the federal Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Act, or the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, commonly referred to as the “New GI Bill.”

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This bill requires the Board of Regents and a district board to grant full remission of academic fees charged for 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, *but not less* the number of credits or semesters for which the student received educational assistance under the federal ROTC Program, the federal Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Act, or the federal New GI Bill. As such, the bill permits a student to receive full remission of academic fees charged for 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, without regard to the number of credits or semesters for which the student received educational assistance under those federal programs.

For further information see the *state* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (3n) (b) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin
2 Act 28, is amended to read:

3 36.27 **(3n)** (b) (intro.) Except as provided in subds. 1. to 3. and par. (bg), the
4 board shall grant full remission of academic fees and segregated fees for 128 credits
5 or 8 semesters, whichever is longer, less the number of credits or semesters for which
6 the person received remission of fees under s. 38.24 (7) ~~and~~, but not less the amount
7 of any academic fees or segregated fees paid under 38 USC 3319, to any resident
8 student who is also any of the following:

9 **SECTION 2.** 36.27 (3p) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,
10 is amended to read:

11 36.27 **(3p)** (b) Except as provided in par. (bg), the board shall grant full
12 remission of nonresident tuition, academic fees, and segregated fees charged for 128
13 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer, less the number of credits or semesters
14 for which the person received remission of fees under s. 38.24 (8) ~~and~~, but not less
15 the amount of any academic fees or segregated fees paid under 10 USC 2107 (c), 38
16 USC 3104 (a) (7) (A), or 38 USC 3313, to any student who is a veteran.

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1 **SECTION 3.** 38.24 (7) (b) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin
2 Act 28, is amended to read:

3 38.24 (7) (b) (intro.) Except as provided in subds. 1. to 3. and par. (bg), the
4 district board shall grant full remission of fees under sub. (1m) (a) to (c) for 128
5 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer, less the number of credits or semesters
6 for which the person received remission of fees from any other district board under
7 this subsection and from the Board of Regents under s. 36.27 (3n) (b) ~~and~~, but not less
8 the amount of any fees paid under 38 USC 3319, to any resident student who is also
9 any of the following:

10 **SECTION 4.** 38.24 (8) (b) of the statutes, as affected by Wisconsin Act 28, is
11 amended to read:

12 38.24 (8) (b) Except as provided in par. (bg), the district board shall grant full
13 remission of the fees charged under sub. (1m) (a) to (c) for 128 credits or 8 semesters,
14 whichever is longer, less the number of credits or semesters for which the person
15 received remission of fees from any other district board under this subsection and
16 from the Board of Regents under s. ~~38.27~~ 36.27 (3p) ~~and~~, but not less the amount of
17 any fees paid under 10 USC 2107 (c), 38 USC 3104 (a) (7) (A), or 38 USC 3313, to any
18 student who is a veteran.

19 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

20 (1) FEE REMISSION. This act first applies to a student who is enrolled in the
21 spring 2010 semester.

22 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

23 (1) FEE REMISSION. This act takes effect retroactively on January 1, 2010.

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