



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Assembly Bill 781**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 781 pertains to the Wisconsin GI Bill, which provides a tuition remission to certain veterans and their dependents who are enrolled in a University of Wisconsin System (UWS) or Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institution.

Under *current law*, the UWS Board of Regents and the WTCS district boards are required to grant full remission of academic fees (tuition) charged for up to 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer, less the amount of any tuition paid under the federal Post-9/11 GI Bill (also known as “the New GI Bill”). As introduced, *Assembly Bill 781* would have subtracted 50% of the amount of tuition paid under the New GI Bill.

*Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 (ASA 1)* eliminates the deduction of tuition paid under the New GI Bill from the number of credits or semesters for which the Board of Regents or a district board remits tuition for veterans and their dependents. This change applies retroactively for January 1, 2010, and first applies to a student who is enrolled in the Spring 2010 semester.

### **Legislative History**

The Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs introduced ASA 1 on March 25, 2010. The committee adopted ASA 1, and recommended passage of the bill as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance. The bill was later withdrawn from the Joint Committee on Finance and taken up by the Assembly on April 20, 2010. The Assembly adopted ASA 1 on a voice vote and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 98; Noes, 0.

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