



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 144	Assembly Amendment 1 and Senate Amendment 1
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Assembly Bill 144 creates a temporary commission on financial aid consolidation and modernization in the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) consisting of 11 members as follows:

- The HEAB executive secretary.
- The chairperson of HEAB.
- A HEAB member designated by the chairperson of HEAB.
- Two representatives of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System.
- Two representatives of the Wisconsin Technical College System.
- Two representatives of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- One member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Majority Leader.

The bill directs the commission to study the potential for consolidating all grant programs administered by HEAB into a single, comprehensive, need-based grant program, as well as options for providing grant aid for students who are attending Wisconsin institutions of higher education at less than full-time credit loads.

The bill directs the commission to report its recommendations to HEAB and the Legislature no later than April 1, 2012, at which time the commission shall terminate its activities and cease to exist.

Assembly Amendment 1 adds the three student members of HEAB to the membership of the Commission. The three student members of HEAB are one student enrolled within the UW System, one enrolled within the Wisconsin Technical College System, and one enrolled at a private non-profit institution of higher education in Wisconsin. The three student members must each be undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time, in good academic standing, residents of Wisconsin and at least 18 years old.

Senate Amendment 1 revises the deadline for the commission report and termination of the commission from April 2012 to December 2012.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Ballweg on September 22, 2011. On September 29, 2011, the Assembly Committee on College and Universities voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on successive votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0. On October 11, 2011, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 and passed the bill, as amended, on successive votes.

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced on March 12, 2012, by Senator Olsen. On March 13, 2012, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 and concurred in the engrossed bill, as amended, on successive voice votes.

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