



2013 SENATE BILL 229

July 9, 2013 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, OLSEN, HARRIS, ERPENBACH, LASSA and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BROOKS, CZAJA, HEBL, JACQUE, KAHL, T. LARSON, MILROY, NASS, A. OTT, SCHRAA, SINICKI, STONE and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 39.435 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** enrollment
2 requirements for recipients of talent incentive grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) awards talent incentive grants to uniquely needy students enrolled at public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education in this state. Currently, HEAB may not award a talent incentive grant to the same student for more than ten consecutive semesters. In addition, under administrative rules promulgated by HEAB, a student must maintain continuous enrollment to remain eligible for a talent incentive grant.

This bill provides that a student need not maintain continuous enrollment to remain eligible for a talent incentive grant. Under the bill, HEAB may award a talent incentive grant to the same student for up to ten semesters, whether or not consecutive, but may not award a talent incentive grant to the same student more than six years after the initial grant is awarded to that student.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 39.435 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 39.435 (2) The board shall award talent incentive grants to uniquely needy
2 students enrolled at least half-time as first-time freshmen at public and private
3 nonprofit institutions of higher education located in this state and to sophomores,
4 juniors, and seniors who received such grants as freshmen. No grant under this
5 subsection may exceed \$1,800 for any academic year. The board may not award a
6 grant under this subsection to the same student for ~~more than 10 consecutive~~ up to
7 10 semesters or their equivalent, but may not award such a grant to the same student
8 more than 6 years after the initial grant is awarded to that student. A student need
9 not maintain continuous enrollment at an institution of higher education to remain
10 eligible for a grant under this subsection. The board shall promulgate rules
11 establishing eligibility criteria for grants under this subsection.

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