

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 366

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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2013 Senate Bill 366 creates a grant program administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board designed to encourage primary care physicians and psychiatrists to practice primary care medicine or psychiatry in underserved areas in this state.

A physician or psychiatrist is eligible to participate in the grant program if he or she: (a) graduated from a school of medicine located in Wisconsin; (b) graduated from a graduate medical education training program in Wisconsin with an emphasis on primary care medicine or psychiatry; and (c) practices primary care medicine or psychiatry in an underserved area in Wisconsin. The grants are for "financial assistance" for recipients. The bill does not specify any limitations on how the funds may be used by recipients.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 eliminates the requirement that a physician or psychiatrist must have graduated from a school of medicine located in Wisconsin to be eligible to participate in the grant program.

Senate Amendment 2

Senate Amendment 2 corrects a drafting error in the bill by replacing the word "tuition" with "financial."

<u>Bill History</u>

Senator Olsen offered Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on January 8, 2014. On January 15, 2014, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of both amendments and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on successive votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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