

2015 Senate Bill 164 (LRB -1848)

An Act to amend 38.24 (3) (a); and to create 38.24 (3m) of the statutes; relating to: charging resident fees to nonresident veterans and their family members attending technical colleges. (FE)

2015

- 05-14. S. Introduced by Senators **Petrowski, Carpenter, Roth, Bewley, Cowles, Harsdorf, Lassa, Wirch and Ringhand**; cosponsored by Representatives **Skowronski, Billings, Petryk, Ballweg, Berceau, Brandtjen, Brostoff, Goyke, Hesselbein, Jacque, Kolste, Kremer, Milroy, Murphy, Novak, Pope, Riemer, Rohrkaste, Sinicki, Spiros, Spreitzer, Subeck and Weatherston**. 234
- 05-14. S. Read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs 234
- 05-15. S. Senator Vinehout added as a coauthor 235
- 05-15. S. Senator Hansen added as a coauthor 235
- 05-18. S. Representative Bowen added as a cosponsor 236
- 05-20. S. Fiscal estimate received
- 05-20. S. Senate Amendment 1 offered by Senator Petrowski (**LRB a0397**) 238
- 05-21. S. Fiscal estimate received
- 05-26. S. Representative Jorgensen added as a cosponsor 245
- 05-27. S. Public hearing held
- 05-27. S. Executive action taken
- 05-27. S. Report adoption of Senate Amendment 1 recommended by Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs, Ayes 5, Noes 0 246
- 05-27. S. Report passage as amended recommended by Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs, Ayes 5, Noes 0 246
- 05-27. S. Available for scheduling
- 06-08. S. Placed on calendar 6-9-2015 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) 266
- 06-09. S. Read a second time
- 06-09. S. Senate Amendment 1 **adopted**
- 06-09. S. Ordered to a third reading
- 06-09. S. Rules suspended
- 06-09. S. Read a third time
- 06-09. S. **Passed**
- 06-09. S. Senator Shilling added as a coauthor
- 06-09. S. Ordered immediately messaged
- 06-09. A. Received from Senate
- 06-09. A. Read
- 06-09. A. Rules suspended and taken up
- 06-09. A. Read a second time
- 06-09. A. Ordered to a third reading
- 06-09. A. Rules suspended
- 06-09. A. Read a third time and **concurred in**
- 06-09. A. Ordered immediately messaged
- 06-10. S. Received from Assembly concurred in

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ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:

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May 14, 2015 – Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, CARPENTER, ROTH, BEWLEY, COWLES, HARSDORF, LASSA, WIRCH and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives SKOWRONSKI, BILLINGS, PETRYK, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BRANDTJEN, BROSTOFF, GOYKE, HESSELBEIN, JACQUE, KOLSTE, KREMER, MILROY, MURPHY, NOVAK, POPE, RIEMER, ROHRKASTE, SINICKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK and WEATHERSTON. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

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2 **to:** charging resident fees to nonresident veterans and their family members
3 attending technical colleges.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Technical College System (TCS) Board establishes program fees that the technical college districts must charge students. With exceptions, the fees for nonresidents are 150 percent of the fees for residents. The TCS Board must establish procedures to determine the residence of students attending technical colleges, but statutes specify that certain students must be considered residents of this state, including veterans verified by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) as being residents for purposes of receiving specified benefits. Current law also provides for full fee remission at technical colleges for certain resident veterans and qualifying family members under certain circumstances.

This bill requires technical college districts to charge resident fees to: 1) a veteran living in this state, regardless of whether the veteran is a resident, if the veteran was discharged or released from at least 90 days of active service within the three years before the date of enrollment in the technical college; and 2) the veteran's spouse or child, living in this state, who is eligible for certain federal benefits by virtue of his or her relationship to the veteran. After a veteran or qualifying spouse or child is enrolled at a technical college, the technical college district must continue to charge resident fees for as long as the veteran or spouse or child is continuously enrolled.

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For further information see the *state and local* 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.** 38.24 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 38.24 (3) (a) ~~For~~ Except as provided in sub. (3m), for all students who are not
3 residents of this state, nor subject to reciprocal agreements with the board, annually
4 the board shall establish a fee based on 150 percent of program fees established
5 under sub. (1m) (a) and (b).

6 **SECTION 2.** 38.24 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

7 38.24 (3m) NONRESIDENT FEE EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES AND
8 CHILDREN. (a) In this subsection, “covered individual” has the meaning given in 38
9 USC 3679 (c) (2).

10 (b) The district boards shall charge covered individuals living in this state the
11 fees established under sub. (1m) (a) and (b).

12 (c) After a covered individual living in this state is enrolled at a technical college
13 and is charged fees in accordance with par. (b), fees established in accordance with
14 this subsection, rather than sub. (3) (a), shall continue to be charged to the covered
15 individual for as long as the covered individual is continuously enrolled at the
16 technical college.

17 (d) This subsection does not affect any other fee exemption or fee remission for
18 which a covered individual may be eligible under this section.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 164**

May 20, 2015 – Offered by Senator PETROWSKI.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 2, line 12: delete lines 12 to 16 and substitute:

3 “(c) If a covered individual living in this state is enrolled at a technical college,
4 and has been charged fees in accordance with par. (b), on the date that begins the 3rd
5 year after the veteran described in 38 USC 3679 (c) (2) (A) that is or is associated with
6 the covered individual was discharged or released from service, the covered
7 individual shall continue to be charged fees established in accordance with this
8 subsection, rather than sub. (3) (a), for as long as the covered individual maintains
9 continuous enrollment at the technical college.”

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