



State of Wisconsin
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ARG:amn

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 741**

February 16, 2016 – Offered by Representatives BARCA, WACHS and JORGENSEN.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 38.28 (1m) (a) 1.; and *to create* 20.235 (1) (br), 20.285 (1) (e),
2 20.292 (1) (e), 36.66, 38.42 and 39.383 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to
3 students enrolled in technical colleges, tribal colleges, and University of
4 Wisconsin institutions and college campuses to meet emergency financial need
5 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This substitute amendment creates a program to award grants to students enrolled in technical colleges, tribal colleges, and University of Wisconsin institutions and college campuses to meet emergency financial need. A student is eligible for a grant to pay the student's expense resulting from a financial emergency if the student's expected family contribution, as determined by the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is less than \$5,000. "Financial emergency" is defined as an unplanned event causing an unanticipated expense that would cause a student to not complete that term if a grant were not available to cover the expense, and includes such expenses as those for medical treatment or vehicle repair but not for textbooks, student fees, or groceries. The amount of the grants awarded to a student may not exceed a total of \$500 per academic year, with a limit of two grants per student per academic year. A student's grant application must include written

1 20.292 Technical college system board**2 (1) TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM****3 (e) Grants to meet emergency finan-**
4 cial need**GPR C -0- 640,000****5 SECTION 2.** 20.235 (1) (br) of the statutes is created to read:**6 20.235 (1) (br)** *Grants to tribal colleges to meet emergency financial need.* As
7 a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for distribution to tribal
8 colleges for purposes of making grants under s. 39.383.**9 SECTION 3.** 20.285 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:**10 20.285 (1) (e)** *Grants to meet emergency financial need.* As a continuing
11 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for distribution to the institutions and
12 college campuses for purposes of making grants under s. 36.66.**13 SECTION 4.** 20.292 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:**14 20.292 (1) (e)** *Grants to meet emergency financial need.* As a continuing
15 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for distribution to technical college
16 districts for purposes of making grants under s. 38.42.**17 SECTION 5.** 36.66 of the statutes is created to read:**18 36.66 Grants to meet emergency financial need. (1)** In this section:**19 (a)** “Eligible student” means a student enrolled in an institution or college
20 campus whose expected family contribution, as defined in s. 39.437 (3) (a), is less
21 than \$5,000.**22 (b)** “Financial emergency” means an unplanned event causing an
23 unanticipated expense, such as charges for medical treatment or vehicle repair, that
24 would cause an eligible student to not complete that term if a grant were not

1 available to cover the expense, but does not include such expenses as those for
2 tuition, textbooks, student fees, alcohol or tobacco, groceries, entertainment, legal
3 services, or fines or forfeitures resulting from legal violations.

4 (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (e), no later than September 1,
5 2016, and by September 1 of each year thereafter, the board shall distribute funds
6 to the institutions and college campuses for payment of grants under this section.
7 These funds may not be used by the institutions or college campuses for any other
8 purpose. The amount distributed by the board to each institution and college campus
9 shall be determined by the board based on the anticipated need and demand for
10 grants at each institution and college campus.

11 (3) (a) Subject to pars. (b) to (d), each institution and college campus may award
12 grants to eligible students to pay the student's expense resulting from a financial
13 emergency. In evaluating a grant application, the institution or college campus shall,
14 in its discretion and based on its best judgment, determine whether the student has
15 incurred a legitimate financial emergency.

16 (b) No grant may be awarded to a student unless the student has submitted
17 with the grant application written proof, such as a bill, identifying the nature and
18 amount of the expense and the 3rd party to whom this amount is owed.

19 (c) An institution or college campus may not award more than 2 grants under
20 this section to the same student in any academic year. The total of all grants made
21 to a student under this section in the same academic year may not exceed \$500.

22 (d) A grant under this section may not be disbursed in cash. The grant funds
23 shall be disbursed in any of the following ways:

- 24 1. By check made payable to the student and delivered to the student.

1 2. By check made payable to the 3rd party identified under par. (b) and
2 delivered to the 3rd party or to the student.

3 3. By electronic fund transfer or other electronic deposit to an account
4 maintained by the student at a financial institution.

5 **(4)** Each institution and college campus shall create or adopt a brief application
6 process and designate an employee with the authority to disburse the grant funds
7 to eligible students. A decision on a grant application, and disbursement of grant
8 funds to a student if a grant is awarded, shall be made within 5 business days of the
9 student's application.

10 **(5)** If a student applies for a 2nd grant under this section within the same
11 academic year, an institution or college campus shall require the student to undergo
12 a financial counseling session with a financial aid professional before the grant may
13 be awarded.

14 **(6)** (a) Each institution and college campus shall collect, for each academic
15 year, the following information related to the grant program under this section:

16 1. The number of grants awarded.

17 2. The number of grant requests denied.

18 3. The number of students receiving grants.

19 4. The total amount of grant money awarded.

20 5. The total amount of grant money available but not awarded.

21 6. The number of students who received a grant and completed their degree or
22 credential.

23 7. The number of students who received a grant and transferred to another
24 postsecondary institution.

1 8. The number of students who received a grant and did not complete the term
2 in which the grant was awarded.

3 9. The types of expenses for which students requested grants.

4 (b) By June 30, 2017, and by June 30 of each year thereafter, each institution
5 and college campus shall report to the board the information collected under par. (a),
6 for the academic year ending in that calendar year, and the board shall submit a
7 report of this information to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for
8 distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) having
9 jurisdiction over matters relating to colleges and universities.

10 **SECTION 6.** 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act
11 55, is amended to read:

12 38.28 (1m) (a) 1. “District aidable cost” means the annual cost of operating a
13 technical college district, including debt service charges for district bonds and
14 promissory notes for building programs or capital equipment, but excluding all
15 expenditures relating to auxiliary enterprises and community service programs, all
16 expenditures funded by or reimbursed with federal revenues, all receipts under ss.
17 38.12 (9), 38.14 (3) and (9), 118.15 (2) (a), and 118.55 (7r), all receipts from grants
18 awarded under ss. 38.04 (8), (28), and (31), 38.14 (11), 38.26, 38.27, 38.31, 38.33, and
19 38.38, and 38.42, all fees collected under s. 38.24, and driver education and chauffeur
20 training aids.

21 **SECTION 7.** 38.42 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **38.42 Grants to meet emergency financial need.** (1) In this section:

23 (a) “Eligible student” means a student enrolled in a technical college whose
24 expected family contribution, as defined in s. 39.437 (3) (a), is less than \$5,000.

1 (b) “Financial emergency” means an unplanned event causing an
2 unanticipated expense, such as charges for medical treatment or vehicle repair, that
3 would cause an eligible student to not complete that term if a grant were not
4 available to cover the expense, but does not include such expenses as those for
5 tuition, textbooks, student fees, alcohol or tobacco, groceries, entertainment, legal
6 services, or fines or forfeitures resulting from legal violations.

7 (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (e), no later than September 1,
8 2016, and by September 1 of each year thereafter, the board shall distribute funds
9 to the districts for payment of grants under this section. These funds may not be used
10 by the districts for any other purpose. The amount distributed by the board to each
11 district shall be determined by the board based on the anticipated need and demand
12 for grants at each technical college.

13 (3) (a) Subject to pars. (b) to (d), each technical college may award grants to
14 eligible students to pay the student’s expense resulting from a financial emergency.
15 In evaluating a grant application, the technical college shall, in its discretion and
16 based on its best judgment, determine whether the student has incurred a legitimate
17 financial emergency.

18 (b) No grant may be awarded to a student unless the student has submitted
19 with the grant application written proof, such as a bill, identifying the nature and
20 amount of the expense and the 3rd party to whom this amount is owed.

21 (c) A technical college may not award more than 2 grants under this section to
22 the same student in any academic year. The total of all grants made to a student
23 under this section in the same academic year may not exceed \$500.

24 (d) A grant under this section may not be disbursed in cash. The grant funds
25 shall be disbursed in any of the following ways:

1 1. By check made payable to the student and delivered to the student.

2 2. By check made payable to the 3rd party identified under par. (b) and
3 delivered to the 3rd party or to the student.

4 3. By electronic fund transfer or other electronic deposit to an account
5 maintained by the student at a financial institution.

6 **(4)** Each technical college shall create or adopt a brief application process and
7 designate an employee with the authority to disburse the grant funds to eligible
8 students. A decision on a grant application, and disbursement of grant funds to a
9 student if a grant is awarded, shall be made within 5 business days of the student's
10 application.

11 **(5)** If a student applies for a 2nd grant under this section within the same
12 academic year, a technical college shall require the student to undergo a financial
13 counseling session with a financial aid professional before the grant may be awarded.

14 **(6)** (a) Each technical college shall collect, for each academic year, the following
15 information related to the grant program under this section:

16 1. The number of grants awarded.

17 2. The number of grant requests denied.

18 3. The number of students receiving grants.

19 4. The total amount of grant money awarded.

20 5. The total amount of grant money available but not awarded.

21 6. The number of students who received a grant and completed their degree or
22 credential.

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24 postsecondary institution.

1 8. The number of students who received a grant and did not complete the term
2 in which the grant was awarded.

3 9. The types of expenses for which students requested grants.

4 (b) By June 30, 2017, and by June 30 of each year thereafter, each district shall
5 report to the board the information collected under par. (a), for the academic year
6 ending in that calendar year, and the board shall submit a report of this information
7 to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate
8 standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) having jurisdiction over matters relating to
9 colleges and universities.

10 **SECTION 8.** 39.383 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **39.383 Grants to tribal colleges to meet emergency financial need. (1)**

12 In this section:

13 (a) “Eligible student” means a student enrolled in a tribal college whose
14 expected family contribution, as defined in s. 39.437 (3) (a), is less than \$5,000.

15 (b) “Financial emergency” means an unplanned event causing an
16 unanticipated expense, such as charges for medical treatment or vehicle repair, that
17 would cause an eligible student to not complete that term if a grant were not
18 available to cover the expense, but does not include such expenses as those for
19 tuition, textbooks, student fees, alcohol or tobacco, groceries, entertainment, legal
20 services, or fines or forfeitures resulting from legal violations.

21 (c) “Tribal college” has the meaning given in s. 39.382 (1) (d).

22 **(2)** From the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (br), no later than September
23 1, 2016, and by September 1 of each year thereafter, the board shall distribute funds
24 to tribal colleges for payment of grants under this section. These funds may not be
25 used by the tribal colleges for any other purpose. The amount distributed by the

1 board to each tribal college shall be determined by the board based on the anticipated
2 need and demand for grants at each tribal college.

3 (3) (a) Subject to pars. (b) to (d), each tribal college may award grants to eligible
4 students to pay the student's expense resulting from a financial emergency. In
5 evaluating a grant application, the tribal college shall, in its discretion and based on
6 its best judgment, determine whether the student has incurred a legitimate financial
7 emergency.

8 (b) No grant may be awarded to a student unless the student has submitted
9 with the grant application written proof, such as a bill, identifying the nature and
10 amount of the expense and the 3rd party to whom this amount is owed.

11 (c) A tribal college may not award more than 2 grants under this section to the
12 same student in any academic year. The total of all grants made to a student under
13 this section in the same academic year may not exceed \$500.

14 (d) A grant under this section may not be disbursed in cash. The grant funds
15 shall be disbursed in any of the following ways:

16 1. By check made payable to the student and delivered to the student.

17 2. By check made payable to the 3rd party identified under par. (b) and
18 delivered to the 3rd party or to the student.

19 3. By electronic fund transfer or other electronic deposit to an account
20 maintained by the student at a financial institution.

21 (4) Each tribal college shall create or adopt a brief application process and
22 designate an employee with the authority to disburse the grant funds to eligible
23 students. A decision on a grant application, and disbursement of grant funds to a
24 student if a grant is awarded, shall be made within 5 business days of the student's
25 application.

