

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 21 [2015 Senate Bill 164]

Technical College System Fees for Nonresident Veterans

The Technical College System (TCS) Board establishes program fees that the technical college districts must charge students. With exceptions, the fee charged to students who are not residents of this state is 150% of the fee charged to students who are residents of this state.

2015 Act 21 requires the TCS Board 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. Act 21 further provides that an individual who is enrolled in a technical college and has been charged resident fees under its provisions on the date that begins the third year after the qualifying veteran was discharged or released from service shall continue to be charged resident fees for as long as the individual maintains continuous enrollment at the college.

Effective date: 2015 Act 21 took effect on June 20, 2015 and first applies to students enrolled for the first semester or session beginning after that date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,

consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov</u>.