2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 184

April 22, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives HESSELBEIN, THIESFELDT, RIERER, GOYKE, MILROY, SUBECK, BERNIER, KOLSTE, OHNSTAD, WACHS, SINICKI, JOHNSON, POPE, CONSIDINE, ZAMARRIPA, BERCHEAU, HEBL, SHANKLAND and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Senators LASSA, CARPENTER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1. **AN ACT** to amend 36.11 (3) (c) and 36.11 (3) (cm) 4.; and **to create** 36.31 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the transfer of credits to University of Wisconsin System institutions.

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Current law requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to establish policies for transferring credits between UW System institutions and allows the Board of Regents to establish policies for credit transfers with other educational institutions. The Board of Regents and the Technical College System Board must also enter into an agreement, which private colleges may join, for transferring credits for core general education courses.

This bill requires the Board of Regents to accept all foreign language credits transferred from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (Institute) on behalf of a student who is a current or former member of the U.S. armed forces or of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces and who successfully completed a course of study at the Institute.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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**The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:**
SECTION 1. 36.11 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.11 (3) (c) Subject to s. 36.31 (2m) and (4), the board may establish policies for the appropriate transfer of credits with other educational institutions outside the system.

SECTION 2. 36.11 (3) (cm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

36.11 (3) (cm) 4. Other courses for which the transfer of credits is accepted under par. (b) or (c) or s. 36.31 (4).

SECTION 3. 36.31 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

36.31 (4) (a) In this subsection:

1. “Institute” means the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, California.

2. “Veteran” means a current or former member of the U.S. armed forces or of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces.

(b) The board shall accept all foreign language credits transferred from the Institute on behalf of a student who is a veteran and who successfully completed a course of study at the Institute.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to the transfer of credits for the academic year beginning after the effective date of this subsection.