AN ACT to amend 36.09 (3) (a); and to create 36.11 (7m) of the statutes; relating to: requiring University of Wisconsin System schools to offer degree credit internships for each academic major.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, for each academic major offered at a University of Wisconsin System school, the school must offer a degree credit internship for which at least three credits toward completion of the academic major are awarded upon successful completion of the internship.

For further information see the state 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:

SECTION 1. 36.09 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.09 (3) (a) The chancellors shall be the executive heads of their respective faculties and institutions and shall be vested with the responsibility of administering board policies under the coordinating direction of the president and
be accountable and report to the president and the board on the operation and
administration of their institutions. Subject to board policy and s. 36.11 (7m), the
chancellors of the institutions in consultation with their faculties shall be
responsible for designing curricula and setting degree requirements; determining
academic standards and establishing grading systems; defining and administering
institutional standards for faculty peer evaluation and screening candidates for
appointment, promotion and tenure; recommending individual merit increases;
administering associated auxiliary services; and administering all funds, from
whatever source, allocated, generated or intended for use of their institutions.

SECTION 2. 36.11 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:

36.11 (7m) DEGREE CREDIT INTERNSHIPS. The board shall ensure that, for each
academic major offered at an institution, the institution offers a degree credit course
that is an internship for which at least 3 credits toward completion of the academic
major are awarded upon successful completion of the course.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to the 2018–19 academic year.