2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 725

December 7, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives SINICKI, HESSELBEIN, MILROY, GOYKE, RIEMER, HEBL, NOVAK, BILLINGS, ANDERSON, SUBECK, BERCEAU, SPREITZER, BROSTOFF, C. TAYLOR, SHANKLAND, SARGENT, POPE, CROWLEY, ROHRKASTE, VRUWINK, OHNSTAD, CONSIDINE, ZAMARRIPA, HORLACHER, FIELDS, MEYERS, WACHS, ZEPNICK, STUCK, GENRICH and BARCA, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, LARSON, JOHNSON and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

AN ACT to repeal 36.27 (2) (br) 1. a.; and to amend 36.27 (2) (br) 1. b. of the statutes; relating to: resident tuition for certain members of the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates the requirement that certain members of the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, to be eligible for resident tuition at University of Wisconsin System institutions, reside in this state for six months prior to enrolling in a UW institution.

With certain exceptions, under current law, a person must be a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to registering at an institution within the UW System in order to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition. Under one exception, a student who would otherwise be ineligible for the nonresident tuition exemption is eligible if the student satisfies the following requirements: 1) the student resided in this state for six months prior to enrolling at a UW institution; 2) the student is a member of the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces when he or she enrolls and has been during this six-month period; and 3) the student continues to be a member of the Wisconsin National Guard or reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces while enrolled or is honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions.
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This bill eliminates the requirement specified in 1) and 2), above, that the student reside in this state for six months to be eligible for this nonresident tuition exemption.

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. 36.27 (2) (br) 1. a. of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, is repealed.

SECTION 2. 36.27 (2) (br) 1. b. of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, is amended to read:

36.27 (2) (br) 1. b. The student is a member of the Wisconsin national guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces when he or she enrolls in an institution and has been a member for the 6-month period under subd. 1. a.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a person who enrolls in an institution in the University of Wisconsin System in the academic year beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

(END)