2017 SENATE BILL 696

January 19, 2018 - Introduced by Senators HANSEN, CARPENTER and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives GENRICH, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, CROWLEY, MACCO, SARGENT, SINICKI and POPE. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

1 AN ACT to create 36.11 (3) (e) and 38.12 (15) of the statutes; relating to:
2 acceptance of credit for International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
3 courses by University of Wisconsin System schools and technical colleges.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires University of Wisconsin System schools and technical colleges to accept academic credits for completing International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) courses if 1) the student completes the IB course with a score of four or higher and requests that the course be accepted by the UW System school or technical college for credit; and 2) the general subject matter of the IB course is similar to a course offered by the UW System school or technical college. Credits accepted must be applied to satisfy general education requirements at the UW System school or technical college.

For further information see the state and local 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:

4 SECTION 1. 36.11 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
36.11 (3) (e) 1. The board shall ensure that all institutions and college campuses accept academic credits for completing International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme courses if all of the following apply:

   a. The student completes the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course with a score of 4 or higher and requests that the course be accepted by the institution or college campus for academic credit.

   b. The general subject matter of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course is similar to a course offered by the institution or college campus.

2. The board shall ensure that academic credits accepted under this paragraph are applied to satisfy general education requirements at the receiving institution or college campus.

SECTION 2. 38.12 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

38.12 (15) CREDIT FOR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME COURSES. (a) Each district board shall accept academic credits for completing International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme courses if all of the following apply:

1. The student completes the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course with a score of 4 or higher and requests that the course be accepted by a district school for academic credit.

2. The general subject matter of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course is similar to a course offered by a district school.

(b) The district board shall ensure that academic credits accepted under this subsection are applied to satisfy general education requirements at the receiving district school.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.
1 (1) This act first applies to requests for credit for the academic year beginning
2 after the effective date of this subsection.
3 (END)