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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 161**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 161

2019 Assembly Bill 161 prohibits all University of Wisconsin System institutions and Wisconsin Technical College System colleges from taking any adverse action against a student whose financial aid package includes federal veterans benefits that may be applied to academic fees or nonresident tuition based on the institution or college not receiving payment of the student's federal veterans benefits by the payment deadline.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

The bill provides protections for students whose financial aid package includes federal veterans benefits. However, under current law and practice, federal veterans benefits are not part of a student's financial aid package. The amendment modifies the bill to remove references to a student's financial aid package and instead provide that the prohibition against adverse action protects students who **receive** federal veterans benefits.

### BILL HISTORY

Representative James introduced 2019 Assembly Bill 161 on April 11, 2019, and offered Assembly Amendment 1 on September 24, 2019. On October 2, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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