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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 536

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 536

2019 Assembly Bill 536 requires the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) to establish a career advancement scholarship program for eligible individuals who enroll in eligible institutions, outlines parameters for the award and renewal of scholarships, and requires that HEAB contract with 60 Forward for a marketing campaign to encourage adults without postsecondary credentials to earn them.

Under the bill, an eligible individual is someone who satisfies all of the following:

- Is at least 25 years old.
- Does not have a postsecondary credential.
- Is not enrolled at any institution of higher education.
- Intends to enroll at an eligible institution.
- Has been a state resident for at least one year prior to enrolling at an eligible institution.
- Completes the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Is considered an independent student for purposes of federal financial aid.
- Has an expected family contribution that does not exceed the maximum amount specified for federal Pell Grant Program eligibility.

The bill provides that the following are eligible institutions:

- Technical colleges.
- University of Wisconsin System institutions.
- In-state tribal colleges.
- Private nonprofit institutions of higher education headquartered in Wisconsin.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the bill in two ways. First, the amendment clarifies that an eligible technical college is one that is part of the Wisconsin Technical College System under ch. 38, Stats. Second, the amendment provides that in order to be an eligible scholarship recipient, an individual must not have an **associate or bachelor's degree**, instead of a **postsecondary credential**.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Nygren introduced 2019 Assembly Bill 536 on October 14, 2019, and offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 17, 2020. On January 23, 2020, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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