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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 684**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 684**

The bill establishes a grant program, to be administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB), for the benefit of students who would qualify for tuition remission under the Wisconsin GI bill at University of Wisconsin System (UWS) or Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institutions, but who choose to attend certain private institutions instead.

Under the bill, students eligible for the program may receive grants for the longer of 128 credits or eight semesters, less the number of credits, sessions, or semesters that the student has already received from UWS or WTCS institutions under the current Wisconsin GI bill.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies that individuals who receive the grants provided under the bill or the Wisconsin GI bill are limited to the total number of grants they may receive under the two programs. Therefore, an eligible student may elect to participate in either the program created under the bill or the Wisconsin GI bill, or both, but the student may not receive more than the longer of 128 credits or eight semesters in total.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Kurtz introduced Assembly Bill 684 on December 20, 2019, and offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 21, 2020. On February 6, 2020, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 1; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes 16; Noes, 0.

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