March 28, 2019 - Introduced by Senators KOOYENGA, CARPENTER, BERNIER, COWLES, NASS and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives JAMES, SKOWRONSKI, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, HORLACHER, JAGLER, KITCHENS, KNODL, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, MACCO, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY, MURSAU, MYERS, RAMTHUN, ROHRKASTE, SINICKI, SORTWELL, SPIROS, VANDERMEER, WICHGERS and ZIMMERMAN. Referred to Committee on Universities, Technical Colleges, Children and Families.

AN ACT to create 36.27 (7) and 38.24 (9) of the statutes; relating to: late payment of tuition benefits for student veterans enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System or a technical college.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits any University of Wisconsin System school or technical college from taking adverse action against a student veteran whose financial aid package includes federal veterans tuition benefits as a result of the UW school’s or technical college’s failure to receive payment of these benefits by the tuition deadline.

For further information see the state and local 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 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 (7) LATE RECEIPT OF STUDENT’S VETERANS BENEFITS. If a student’s financial aid package includes federal veterans benefits that may be applied against the student’s payment obligations for academic fees or nonresident tuition, the
institution in which the student is enrolled may not take any adverse action against
the student as a result of the institution’s failure to receive payment of the federal
veterans benefits by the deadline established by the institution for payment of
tuition or fees.

**SECTION 2.** 38.24 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

38.24 (9) LATE RECEIPT OF STUDENT’S VETERANS BENEFITS. If a student’s financial
aid package includes federal veterans benefits that may be applied against the
student’s payment obligations for any fees under sub. (1m), the technical college in
which the student is enrolled may not take any adverse action against the student
as a result of the district board’s failure to receive payment of the federal veterans
benefits by the deadline established by the district board for payment of the fees.

**SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies in the first semester or session beginning after the
effective date of this subsection.