2019 SENATE BILL 905

March 26, 2020 – Introduced by Senators BEWLEY and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives B. MEYERS, ZAMARRIPA, CABRERA, HEBL, SARGENT, BILLINGS, MURSAU, SPREITZER, CONSIDINE, SUBECK and OHNSTAD. Referred to Committee on Universities, Technical Colleges, Children and Families.

AN ACT to amend 15.67 (1) (intro.); and to create 15.67 (1) (d) of the statutes; relating to: the membership of the Higher Educational Aids Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill adds three members to the Higher Educational Aids Board to represent the state’s tribal colleges.

Under current law, HEAB consists of 11 members representing public institutions of higher education; private, nonprofit institutions of higher education; and the general public. Members include the superintendent of public instruction, members of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the Technical College System Board, a member of the board of trustees of an independent college or university, financial aid administrators, students, and a member representing the general public. Members are appointed for three-year terms except that student members are appointed for two-year terms. Members are appointed by the governor without senate confirmation.

This bill adds the following members to HEAB representing this state’s tribal colleges: one member of a tribal college’s governing body; one tribal college financial aids administrator; and one tribal college student.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.67 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
15.67 (1) (intro.) There is created a higher educational aids board consisting
of the state superintendent of public instruction and the following members
appointed for 3-year terms, except that the members specified under pars. (a) 5. and
6. and (b) 3., and (d) 3. shall be appointed for 2-year terms:

**SECTION 2.** 15.67 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

15.67 (1) (d) To represent the state’s tribal colleges, all of the following:

1. One member of the governing body of a tribal college in this state.
2. One financial aids administrator of a tribal college in this state.
3. One student enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing at a
tribal college in this state who is at least 18 years old and a resident of this state.

**SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) **Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the
members of the higher educational aids board under s. 15.67 (1) (intro.), the member
of the higher educational aids board appointed under s. 15.67 (1) (d) 1. shall be
appointed for an initial 4-year term.