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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill would allow a child or spouse of a relocated active duty service member to qualify for resident tuition at a UW System institution under certain circumstances.

Under current law, a person generally must be a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to registering in order to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition. Current law specifies various nonresident tuition exemptions, under which nonresident students pay resident tuition rates.

The bill would create a nonresident tuition exemption at UW System institutions for a person if

- 1) the person is the child or spouse of an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces and the person has been accepted for admission to a UW System institution;
- 2) the service member resided in this state at the time the person was accepted for admission, but the service member was subsequently relocated and stationed in another state; and
- 3) after the person's admission and initial enrollment, the person has remained continuously enrolled in the UW System institution.

The provisions of the bill would apply to the academic year that follows passage of the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The estimate is indeterminate because the UW System does not have data on the number of non-resident active duty service people who leave the state after a spouse or child may have been accepted for admission to the UW or if they leave the state while their spouse or child is enrolled.

Additionally, the UW System has relatively few active duty service members living permanently in the state compared to states that are home to regular active duty military bases, thus the expected financial impact is small.