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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 291

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Amendment 1**

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2021 Assembly Bill 291 requires the University of Wisconsin System (UWS) Board of Regents and all UWS institutions to allow a graduating student's parent or guardian to attend the student's graduation ceremony if the ceremony is held in-person in 2021.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 extends the bill's requirement to include the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). Therefore, under the amendment, a WTCS district board is also required to allow a graduating student's parent or guardian to attend the student's graduation ceremony if the ceremony is held in-person in 2021.

Additionally, the amendment provides two exceptions to the requirement created by the bill. First, the amendment allows an institution to issue tickets for graduating students to distribute to their desired guests, and limit ceremony attendance to ticket holders, provided every graduating student receives at least as many tickets as the student has parents or guardians. Second, the amendment specifies that an institution is not required to allow a student's parent or guardian to attend the in-person graduation ceremony if an administrative or court order prohibits such attendance.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Moses offered Assembly Amendment 1 on May 28, 2021. On June 2, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities recommended adoption of the amendment on votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 4. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 10; Noes, 5.

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