



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

Under current law, the TCS Board annually establishes program fees, which the district boards must charge to technical college students in each technical college district. The TCS Board generally must establish uniform fees correlated to statewide average operational costs across all districts. Under this bill, the TCS Board may not establish program fees for a course that exceed the course's program fees in the prior school year if the course substantially relates to a high-demand field, as identified by DWD in a report to the TCS Board.

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

38.24 (9) HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS. Notwithstanding sub. (1m), the board may not establish program fees for a course that exceed the program fees for the same course

in the same district in the most recent school year in which the course was offered if the course substantially relates to a high-demand field identified in the most recent report received by the board under s. 106.34 (2) (b).

SECTION 2. 106.34 of the statutes is created to read:

106.34 Reports to technical college system board of high-demand fields. (1) In this section:

(a) “Board” has the meaning given in s. 38.01 (2).

(b) “District” has the meaning given in s. 38.01 (5).

(2) Not later than 30 days after the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date], and by December 31 of each year thereafter, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Determine all high-demand fields during that year.

(b) Report to the board the information specified in par. (a).

SECTION 3. 227.01 (13) (Lr) of the statutes is amended to read:

227.01 (13) (Lr) Determines what constitutes high-demand fields for purposes of s. 38.28 (2) (be) 1. b. and s. 106.34 (2) (b).

(END)