



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT *to renumber* 36.11 (3) (b); *to amend* 36.11 (3) (cm) 4. and 36.31 (2m) (b);
and *to create* 36.11 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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This bill requires the Board of Regents of the UW System and the TCS Board to enter into an agreement that, beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, ensures that not fewer than 60 core general education course credits are transferable within and between each UW school and technical college. Current law required such an agreement for 30 credits beginning in the 2014-15 academic year. As under current law, the bill requires the two boards to ensure that in-state tribally controlled colleges and certain private schools have an opportunity to participate in the agreement.

The bill also requires the Board of Regents to measure the effectiveness of policies the board has established under current law for the appropriate transfer of credits between institutions within the system. In addition, the bill requires the board to submit a report to the legislature that describes any barriers to credit transferability between institutions within the system. The board must submit the report no later than January 1, 2018.

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. 36.11 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 36.11 (3) (b) 1. and amended to read:

36.11 (3) (b) 1. Subject to s. 36.31 (2m), the board shall establish policies for the appropriate transfer of credits between institutions within the system, including the designation of postsecondary credits earned by a high school pupil enrolled in a course at an institution within the system under the program under s. 118.55. The board shall designate in the policies established under this paragraph those courses which shall be transferable between and within institutions without loss of credit toward graduation or toward completion of a specific course of study. If the board determines that postsecondary credits earned by a high school pupil under the program under s. 118.55 are not transferable under this paragraph, the board shall permit the individual to take an examination to determine the individual's competency in the subject-area of the course and, if the individual receives a passing score on the examination, shall award equivalent credits to the individual.

***NOTE: This is reconciled s. 36.11 (3) (b). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -0132/P2 and -1394/P4.

SECTION 2. 36.11 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

36.11 (3) (b) 2. The board shall measure the effectiveness of the policies established under subd. 1. and, no later than January 1, 2018, submit to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) a report that describes any barriers to credit transferability between institutions within the system.

SECTION 3. 36.11 (3) (cm) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

36.11 **(3)** (cm) 4. Other courses for which the transfer of credits is accepted under par. (b) 1. or (c).

SECTION 4. 36.31 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.31 **(2m)** (b) Notwithstanding s. 36.09 (3) (a), the Board of Regents and the technical college system board shall, and the governing boards of tribally controlled colleges in this state and the association, on behalf of private colleges, may, enter into and implement an agreement that identifies core general education courses, including a core general education course completed by a high school pupil enrolled in an educational institution inside or outside the system under the program under s. 118.55 if the high school pupil earns postsecondary credits for completing the core general education course, totaling not fewer than ~~30~~ 60 credits and establishes policies for ensuring that, beginning in the ~~2014-15~~ 2018-19 academic year, credits for completing the courses are transferable and would satisfy general education requirements at the receiving institution or college, between and within each institution, college campus, and technical college, and each tribally controlled college and private college that elects to participate in the agreement.

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