



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1832/P3  
JAM:klm&skw

DOA:.....Mott, BB0571 - Prison baccalaureate education program

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

***Baccalaureate degree program for prisoners***

This bill requires UWS and DOC to provide a baccalaureate degree program for prisoners. Prior to expending any funds appropriated, UWS and DOC shall submit a plan for implementing the program to DOA for approval.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.285 (1) (cg) of the statutes is created to read:

20.285 (1) (cg) *Baccalaureate degree program for prisoners.* The amounts in the schedule for the baccalaureate degree program for prisoners under s. 36.25 (17).

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 36.25 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

**36.25 (17) BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM FOR PRISONERS.** (a) Subject to par. (b), the board and the department of corrections shall provide a baccalaureate education degree program for prisoners to be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (cg).

(b) Prior to expending any funds under par. (a), the board and the department of corrections shall jointly submit a plan for implementing the program under this section to the department of administration. The plan shall detail the proposed structure, goals, delivery, and expenditures of the baccalaureate degree program for prisoners as mutually agreed upon by the board and the department of corrections. The department of administration shall approve or disapprove the plan within 60 days after it is received. The board may not expend any funds appropriated under s. 20.285 (1) (cg) except in accordance with the plan as approved by the department of administration.

**SECTION 3.** 301.03 (12m) of the statutes is created to read:

**301.03 (12m)** Cooperate and coordinate its activities with the University of Wisconsin System to provide a baccalaureate degree program for prisoners.

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