



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1032/P3
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DOA:.....Mott, BB0125 - Amend lifetime eligibility cap for Wisconsin grants for WTCS, UWS, and tribal colleges

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

Duration limit for Wisconsin grants for public and tribal college students

This bill extends and clarifies the limit on the total number of semesters a UW System, technical college, or tribal college student may receive a Wisconsin grant.

Under current law, HEAB administers the Wisconsin grant program, which provides grants to resident undergraduate students enrolled at least half time in various postsecondary institutions, including UW System schools, technical colleges, and tribal colleges in this state. HEAB limits its award of these grants to 10 semesters or their equivalent.

This bill limits these grants to 12 semesters of full-time enrollment or their equivalent. If a student receiving the grant is enrolled less than full-time, only the fraction of the student's enrollment, in proportion to full-time enrollment, is counted toward this 12-semester limit.

Grants to students with visual or hearing impairment and talent incentive grants

Under current law, HEAB also administers programs to award grants to postsecondary students with visual or hearing impairments and to award talent incentive grants.

The bill makes clarifying changes relating to these grants that do not substantively affect HEAB's administration of these grant programs.

For further information see the state 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. 20.235 (1) (fd) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.235 (1) (fd) *Talent incentive grants.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for talent incentive grants under s. ~~39.435 (2)~~ 39.436 (1).

SECTION 2. 20.235 (1) (fe) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.235 (1) (fe) *Wisconsin grants; University of Wisconsin System students.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the Wisconsin grant program under s. 39.435 for University of Wisconsin System students, ~~except for grants awarded under s. 39.435 (2) or (5)~~.

SECTION 3. 20.235 (1) (ff) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.235 (1) (ff) *Wisconsin grants; technical college students.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the Wisconsin grant program under s. 39.435 for technical college students, ~~except for grants awarded under s. 39.435 (2) or (5)~~.

SECTION 4. 20.235 (1) (fj) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.235 (1) (fj) *Impaired student grants.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for impaired student grants under s. ~~39.435 (5)~~ 39.436 (2).

SECTION 5. 20.235 (1) (km) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.235 (1) (km) *Wisconsin grants; tribal college students.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the Wisconsin grant program under s. 39.435 for tribal college students, ~~except for grants awarded under s. 39.435 (2) or (5)~~. All moneys transferred from the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (8) (hm) 10. shall be

credited to this appropriation account. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (b), the unencumbered balance on June 30 of each odd-numbered year shall revert to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (8) (hm).

SECTION 6. 36.11 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.11 (6) (c) By February 10 of each year, the board shall develop and submit to the higher educational aids board for its review under s. 39.285 (1) a proposed formula for the awarding of grants under s. 39.435, ~~except for grants awarded under s. 39.435 (2) or (5),~~ for the next fiscal year to students enrolled in the system.

SECTION 7. 38.04 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:

38.04 (7m) FINANCIAL AIDS. By February 10 of each year, the board shall develop and submit to the higher educational aids board for its review under s. 39.285 (1) a proposed formula for the awarding of grants under s. 39.435, ~~except for grants awarded under s. 39.435 (2) or (5),~~ for the next fiscal year to students enrolled in the technical colleges.

SECTION 8. 39.285 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.285 (1) (b) If the board determines during a fiscal year that any formula approved under par. (a) during the prior fiscal year needs to be modified during the fiscal year in order to expend the entire amount appropriated for grants to students under s. 39.30 or 39.435, ~~except s. 39.435 (2) or (5),~~ in that fiscal year, the board shall submit the modified formula to the joint committee on finance. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the board that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the modified formula within 14 working days after the date of the submittal, the modified formula may be implemented as proposed by the board. If, within 14 working days after the date of the submittal, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the board that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the

purpose of reviewing the modified formula, the modified formula may be implemented only upon approval of the committee.

SECTION 9. 39.285 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.285 (3) By February 10 of each year, each tribally controlled college in this state is requested to develop and submit to the board for its review under sub. (1) a proposed formula for the awarding of grants under s. 39.435, ~~except for grants awarded under s. 39.435 (2) or (5),~~ for the next fiscal year to students enrolled at that tribally controlled college.

SECTION 10. 39.31 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.31 Determination of student costs. (intro.) In determining a student's total cost of attending a postsecondary institution for the purpose of calculating the amount of a grant under s. 39.30, 39.38, 39.435, 39.436, or 39.44, the board shall include the following:

SECTION 11. 39.435 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 39.436 (1).

SECTION 12. 39.435 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

39.435 (2m) The board may award a grant under this section to the same student for up to 12 semesters of full-time enrollment or their equivalent. If the student receiving the grant is enrolled less than full-time in any semester or session, only the fraction of the student's enrollment, in proportion to full-time enrollment, shall be applied toward this 12-semester limit.

SECTION 13. 39.435 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.435 (4) (a) The board shall award grants under this section based on a formula that accounts for ~~expected parental and student contributions~~ a family's expected family contribution, as defined in s. 39.437 (3) (a), and that is consistent

with generally accepted definitions and nationally approved needs analysis methodology.

****NOTE: The treatment of s. 39.435 (4) (a), above, is added to harmonize the provision with changes in LRB-1041 (BB0122).

SECTION 14. 39.435 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 39.436 (2) and amended to read:

39.436 (2) ~~The board shall ensure that grants under this section are made available to students~~ administer a grant program for postsecondary resident students enrolled at least half-time and attending private or public institutions in this state who are deaf or hard of hearing or visually impaired and who demonstrate need. Grants may also be made available to such students attending private or public institutions in other states under criteria established by the board. In determining the financial need of these students special consideration shall be given to their unique and unusual costs. A grant awarded under this subsection may not be less than \$250 nor more than \$1,800 for any academic year. The board may award a grant under this subsection to the same student for up to 10 semesters or their equivalent, but may not award a grant to the same student more than 6 years after the initial grant is awarded to that student.

SECTION 15. 39.436 (title), (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

39.436 (title) Talent incentive grants; grants for students with visual or hearing impairment.

(3) The board shall award grants under this section based on a formula that accounts for a family's expected family contribution, as defined in s. 39.437 (3) (a), and that is consistent with generally accepted definitions and nationally approved needs analysis methodology.

****NOTE: Sub. (3), above, repeats s. 39.435 (4) (a). It is drafted to be consistent with with LRB-1041 (BB0122).

(4) The board may not make a grant under this section to a person whose name appears on the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), unless the person provides to the board a payment agreement that has been approved by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and that is consistent with rules promulgated under s. 49.858 (2) (a).

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