1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 801

January 22, 1996 – Introduced by Representatives Seratti, Musser, Boyle and Freese, cosponsored by Senator Breske. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 20.235 (1) (gm); and to repeal and recreate 39.38 (2) of the
- statutes; **relating to:** Indian student assistance grants and making an
- 3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the higher educational aids board (HEAB) administers an Indian student assistance grant program which provides grants, based on financial need, to Indian students who are state residents for full-time or part-time attendance at accredited higher educational institutions in this state. The maximum grant award under the program is \$2,200 per year.

Current law eliminates HEAB effective July 1, 1996, and transfers all functions of HEAB to the department of education. Also effective July 1, 1996, the state's maximum grant amount per year under the Indian student assistance grant program is decreased from \$2,200 to \$1,100, but this amount may be matched by a contribution from a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state for a maximum grant award of \$2,200.

This bill eliminates the changes to the Indian student assistance grant program effective July 1, 1996, thereby maintaining the state's maximum grant amount under the program of \$2,200 per year and eliminating the matching contribution from a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state.

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) (gm) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act
- 5 27, is repealed.

SECTION 2

SECTION 2. 39.38 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, section 1887g, is repealed and recreated to read:

39.38 (2) Grants under this section shall be based on financial need, as determined by the department. The maximum grant shall not exceed \$2,200 per year. Grants shall be awarded to students for full-time or part-time attendance at any accredited institution of higher education in this state. The department may not make a grant under this section to a student if the department receives a certification under s. 46.255 (7) that the student is delinquent in child support or maintenance payments. Grants shall be renewable for up to 5 years if a recipient remains in good academic standing at the institution that he or she is attending. The American Indian language and culture education board shall advise the department on the allocation of grants to students enrolled less than half-time.

SECTION 3. Appropriation changes; education.

- (1) Tuition grants. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of education under section 20.235 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is decreased by \$237,000 for fiscal year 1996–97 to decrease funding for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.
- (2) Indian student assistance grants. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of education under section 20.235 (1) (fb) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is increased by \$756,900 for fiscal year 1996–97 to increase funding for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.
- (3) INDEPENDENT STUDENT GRANTS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of education under section

- 20.235 (1) (fc) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is decreased by \$3,000 for fiscal year 1996–97 to decrease funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.
- (4) TALENT INCENTIVE GRANTS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of education under section 20.235 (1) (fd) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is decreased by \$58,100 for fiscal year 1996–97 to decrease funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.
- (5) Wisconsin higher education grants. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of education under section 20.235 (1) (fe) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is decreased by \$373,100 for fiscal year 1996–97 to decrease funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

Section 4. Appropriation changes; University of Wisconsin System.

- (1) Advanced opportunity program. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under section 20.285 (4) (b) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is decreased by \$56,100 for fiscal year 1996–97 to decrease funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.
- (2) LAWTON MINORITY UNDERGRADUATE GRANTS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under section 20.285 (4) (dd) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is decreased by \$29,600 for fiscal year 1996–97 to decrease funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

SECTION 5

1 (1) Indian student assistance grants. This act takes effect on July 1, 1996.

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