

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 734

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| 1 | AN ACT to renumber 36.11 (2) (a); to amend 36.11 (2) (b); and to create 36.11 |
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| 2 | (2) (ag) and 36.11 (2) (c) of the statutes; relating to: the authority of University |
| 3 | of Wisconsin police officers to carry firearms. |

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System has police power (concurrent with other authorized peace officers) over the property subject to its jurisdiction and over certain other property contiguous to the University of Wisconsin–Parkside campus. Current law also authorizes the board of regents to employ or contract for police, who are empowered to preserve peace and to make arrests for crimes or violations of certain rules relating to the University of Wisconsin System. This bill authorizes a police officer employed or contracted for by the board of regents for these purposes to possess a firearm while in the line of duty.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 36.11 (2) (am).
- 5 SECTION 2. 36.11 (2) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:
- 6 36.11 (2) (ag) In this subsection, "campus police officer" means any police officer
- 7 or police chief employed or contracted for by the board under par. (b).

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| 1 | SECTION 3. 36.11 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read: |
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| 2 | 36.11 (2) (b) The board may employ police for the institutions and chiefs to head |
| 3 | such police, or contract for police, all of whom shall be deemed peace officers under |
| 4 | s. 939.22 (22) under the supervision and control of the appropriate chancellor or the |
| 5 | chancellor's designees. Such Campus police officers shall meet the minimum |
| 6 | standards established for other police officers by the law enforcement standards |
| 7 | board or a comparable agency. <u>Such Campus</u> police <u>officers</u> shall preserve the peace |
| 8 | on all property described under par. (a) <u>(am)</u> , enforce all rules promulgated under |
| 9 | this chapter and all other laws, and for that purpose the chancellor or the chancellor's |
| 10 | designee may call for aid from such other persons as is deemed necessary. |
| 11 | SECTION 4. 36.11 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read: |
| 12 | 36.11 (2) (c) A campus police officer may possess a firearm while in the line of |
| 13 | duty. |
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