

State of Misconsin 2005 - 2006 LEGISLATURE

## **2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 774**

October 20, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Lothian, Krawczyk, Gronemus, Fields, Albers, Hines, Musser, Jensen, Ainsworth, Kestell, Pettis, Gunderson, Berceau, Bies, Wood and Ott, cosponsored by Senators Brown, Olsen, A. Lasee, Darling and Erpenbach. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development.

1 AN ACT to amend 39.41 (2) (b); and to create 39.41 (1) (c) of the statutes; 2 relating to: eligibility of a student enrolled in a 2-year, full-time vocational 3 diploma program at a technical college for an academic excellence higher 4 education scholarship.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain scholars, designated on the basis of grade point average, who enroll, on a full-time basis, in a public or private institution of higher education in this state. Under the program, a higher education scholarship recipient who enrolls in an institution within the University of Wisconsin (UW) System or the Technical College System (TCS) is exempt from all tuition and fees, up to \$2,250 per academic year, for each year, up to four years in the UW System and three years in the TCS, that the recipient is enrolled full time, maintains at least a 3.000 grade point average, and makes satisfactory progress toward an associate or a bachelor's degree.

This bill extends eligibility for a higher education scholarship to a scholar enrolled in a two-year, full-time vocational diploma program, which is a program in an area designated and approved by the TCS Board for which the course requirements are established by the TCS Board.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 39.41 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read: 2 39.41 (1) (c) "Vocational diploma" means a diploma granted to a person who has 3 completed a 2-year, full-time program in an area designated and approved by the 4 technical college system board for which the course requirements are established by that board.  $\mathbf{5}$ 6 **SECTION 2.** 39.41 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read: 7 39.41 (2) (b) For each year that a scholar who receives a scholarship under par. 8 (a) is enrolled full time, maintains at least a 3.000 grade point average, or the 9 equivalent as determined by the institution or district school, and makes satisfactory 10 progress toward an associate or degree, a bachelor's degree, or a vocational diploma, 11 the student shall be exempt from all tuition and fees, including segregated fees, in 12the subsequent year, except that the maximum scholarship for a scholar who receives 13an original scholarship for the 1996-97 academic year or for any academic year 14thereafter may not exceed \$2,250 per academic year. No scholar is eligible for an exemption for more than 4 years in the University of Wisconsin System or more than 1516 3 years at a district school. 17**SECTION 3. Initial applicability.** 

(1) ELIGIBILITY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS. This
act first applies to an academic excellence higher education scholarship originally
awarded for the 2006–07 academic year.

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