



2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 252

April 10, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives MOLEPSKE, BERCEAU, STASKUNAS, CULLEN, HIXSON and SOLETSKI, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, LEHMAN, ROESSLER, COGGS and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 39.435 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum amount
2 of a Wisconsin higher education grant.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board awards Wisconsin higher education grants (WHEG grants) to undergraduates enrolled at least half time at nonprofit public institutions of higher education or tribally controlled colleges in this state. Currently, a WHEG grant may not exceed \$3,000 for any academic year. This bill sets that maximum grant amount during any academic year at 50 percent of the resident undergraduate academic fees charged to attend the institution within the University of Wisconsin System for which the highest such fees are charged in that academic year.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 39.435 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 39.435 (3) Grants under sub. (1) shall not be less than \$250 during any one
5 academic year, unless the joint committee on finance approves an adjustment in the

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1 amount of the minimum grant. Grants under sub. (1) ~~shall not exceed \$3,000 during~~
2 any one academic year shall not exceed 50 percent of the resident undergraduate
3 academic fees charged to attend the institution within the University of Wisconsin
4 System for which the highest such fees are charged in that academic year. The board
5 shall, by rule, establish a reporting system to periodically provide student economic
6 data and shall promulgate other rules the board deems necessary to assure uniform
7 administration of the program.

8 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) WISCONSIN HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS. This act first applies to Wisconsin
10 higher education grants awarded by the higher educational aids board for the
11 2007-08 academic year.

12 (END)