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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 428

June 25, 2021 - Introduced by Joint Legislative Council. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 AN ACT to amend 15.67 (1) (intro.); and to create 15.67 (1) (d) of the statutes;
- 2 **relating to:** the membership of the Higher Educational Aids Board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the Notes provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations.

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board consists of 11 members representing public institutions of higher education; private, nonprofit institutions of higher education; and the general public. Members include the superintendent of public instruction, members of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and the Technical College System Board, a member of the board of trustees of an independent college or university, financial aid administrators, students, and a member representing the general public. Members are appointed for three–year terms except that student members are appointed for two–year terms. Members are appointed by the governor without senate confirmation.

This bill adds the following three members to HEAB to represent the state's tribal colleges: one member of a tribal college's governing body; one tribal college financial aid administrator; and one tribal college student. In order to stagger the terms of the three new board members, the bill provides that the board member representing a tribal college's governing body must be appointed for an initial 4-year term.

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SECTION 1. 15.67 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
15.67 (1) (intro.) There is created a higher educational aids board consisting
of the state superintendent of public instruction and the following members
appointed for 3-year terms, except that the members specified under pars. (a) 5. and
6. and, (b) 3., and (d) 3. shall be appointed for 2-year terms:
Section 2. 15.67 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:
15.67 (1) (d) To represent the state's tribal colleges, all of the following:
1. One member of the governing body of a tribal college in this state.
2. One financial aids administrator of a tribal college in this state.
3. One student enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing at a
tribal college in this state who is at least 18 years old and a resident of this state.
Section 3. Nonstatutory provisions.
(1) Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the length of terms specified for the
members of the higher educational aids board under s. 15.67 (1) (intro.), the member
of the higher educational aids board appointed under s. 15.67 (1) (d) 1. shall be
appointed for an initial 4-year term.

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