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2021 SENATE BILL 313

April 21, 2021 – Introduced by Senators Roth, Darling, Felzkowski and Marklein, cosponsored by Representatives Sortwell, Brandtjen, Cabral-Guevara, Dittrich, Edming, Horlacher, Mursau, Ortiz-Velez, Steffen, VanderMeer, Wichgers and Stubbs. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

- AN \overline{ACT} to renumber and amend 38.24 (7) (a) 1p.; and to create 38.24 (7) (a)
- 2 1p. b. of the statutes; **relating to:** technical college fees covered by the Wisconsin GI Bill.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, eligible veterans, a spouse of an eligible veteran, an unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran, and a child of an eligible veteran, if the child is at least 17 but not yet 26 years of age, may receive fee remission to cover the cost of tuition and fees for their enrollment in the University of Wisconsin System or Technical College System. These programs are collectively known as the "Wisconsin GI Bill." Under current law, an eligible individual receiving Wisconsin GI Bill benefits from the University of Wisconsin System may receive full remission of tuition and segregated fees. An eligible individual receiving Wisconsin GI Bill benefits from the Technical College System may receive full remission of fees established by the Technical College System board, but this remission does not include remission of certain student activity and incidental fees set by the student's technical college district.

This bill requires that a technical college district also remit to eligible individuals under the Wisconsin GI Bill the student activity and incidental fees set by the student's individual technical college district.

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For further information see the state and local 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. 38.24 (7) (a) 1p. of the statutes is renumbered 38.24 (7) (a) 1p. (intro.) and amended to read:

38.24 (7) (a) 1p. (intro.) "Fees" means the:

a. The amount charged to a resident student under sub. (1m) (a) to (c) to enroll in a course leading to an associate degree, collegiate transfer, or vocational diploma.

c. In the case of a distance education, online, or other course for which the amount charged to enroll in the course equals at least 100 percent of the cost of offering the course, "fees" includes the regular fees charged to a resident student under sub. (1m) (a) to (c) to enroll in the course and any additional fees charged to that student under sub. (1m) (a) to (c) to enroll in that course.

SECTION 2. 38.24 (7) (a) 1p. b. of the statutes is created to read:

38.24 (7) (a) 1p. b. The amount charged to a resident student for activity, incidental, and vocational-adult seminar and workshop fees under s. 38.14 (9).

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to fees for the first semester or session beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

17 (END)