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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 400

September 6, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives Sortwell, Behnke, Bodden, Brooks, Dittrich, Gundrum, Gustafson, Magnafici, Penterman and Wichgers, cosponsored by Senators Nass, Stroebel, Cabral-Guevara, Knodl and Tomczyk. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

AN ACT to create 36.28 of the statutes; relating to: prorated University of

Wisconsin System housing and meal plan contracts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and UWS institutions from entering into a housing or meal plan contract with a student unless the contract is prorated to return to the student any value of the contract that the student cannot access for more than seven days because the student is not permitted to be present on campus or to reap the benefits of such contract for any reason that is outside of the student's control and that is imposed by the state or by an institution. For the purposes of the bill, it is not considered outside of the student's control if the student is not permitted to be present on campus or to reap the benefits of the contract because the student is subject to sanctions for student misconduct.

The bill also requires that any housing or meal plan contract value reimbursed to the student be accompanied by a statement detailing the amounts reimbursed and detailing the calculations used to determine the reimbursement amounts.

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:

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SECTION 1.	3b.28	or the	statutes	1S	created	LO	read:

- 36.28 Student housing and meal plan contracts. (1) Neither the board nor an institution may enter into a housing or meal plan contract with a student unless the contract is prorated to return to the student any value of the contract that the student cannot access for more than 7 days because the student is not permitted to be present on campus or to reap the benefits of such contract for any reason that is outside of the student's control and that is imposed by the state or an institution. For the purposes of this section, it is not considered outside of the student's control if the student is not permitted to be present on campus or to reap the benefits of the contract because the student is subject to sanctions for student misconduct.
- (2) Any value reimbursed to the student under this section shall be accompanied by a statement detailing the amounts reimbursed and detailing the calculations used to determine the reimbursement amounts.

Section 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to contracts entered into, or extended, modified, or renewed, on the effective date of this subsection.

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