

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 36.11 (3) (cr) and 38.04 (21m) of the statutes; **relating to:** an
 2 annual report to the legislature regarding the transfer of credits between educational
 3 institutions.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Building Wisconsin’s Workforce.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (3) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:
 5 36.11 (3) (cr) By July 1, 2010, and annually by July 1 thereafter, the board shall submit
 6 a report to the proper legislative committee that contains information about the transfer of
 7 credits with institutions in the technical college system.

NOTE: Current law requires that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System establish policies for the transfer of credits between institutions in the UW System, including the designation of courses that are transferable between and within institutions without loss of credit towards graduation or towards completion of a course of study. [s. 36.11 (3) (b), stats.] In addition, current law provides that the board may establish policies for the transfer of credits with educational institutions outside the UW System. [s. 36.11 (3) (c), stats.]

This SECTION requires that the Board of Regents of the UW System submit an annual report to the legislature regarding the transfer of credits with institutions in the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS).

COMMENT: The committee might consider what, if any, specific information should be included in the annual report to the legislature. Examples may include the number of approved and denied applications for the transfer of credits from WTCS institutions to UW System institutions or from UW System institutions to WTCS institutions or both.

This SECTION requires that the annual report contain information about the transfer of credits with WTCS institutions. Does the committee want

the report to contain information about the transfer of credits with private colleges and universities? Does the committee want the report to contain information about the transfer of credits between UW System institutions?

1 **SECTION 2.** 38.04 (21m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 38.04 **(21m)** TRANSFER OF CREDITS: BOARD REPORT. By July 1, 2010, and annually by
3 July 1 thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the proper legislative committee that
4 contains information about the transfer of credits with institutions in the University of
5 Wisconsin System.

NOTE: Current law requires that WTCS district boards coordinate the collegiate transfer program with institutions in the UW System. [s. 38.12 (8) (b), stats.; see also s. 36.31, stats.] The “collegiate transfer program” is a statewide, full-time program, designated and approved by the WTCS board, in which credits earned may be transferred to a 4-year institution of higher education. [s. 38.01 (3), stats.]

This SECTION requires that the WTCS board submit an annual report to the legislature regarding the transfer of credits with institutions in the UW System.

COMMENT: See the COMMENT in SECTION 1.

This SECTION requires that the annual report contain information about the transfer of credits with UW System institutions. Does the committee want the report to contain information about the transfer of credits with private colleges and universities? Does the committee want the report to contain information about the transfer of credits between WTCS institutions?

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