



2015 BILL

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.285 (1) (a); and **to create** 36.31 (4) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** state funding for tribal colleges and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Board of Regents (board) of the University of Wisconsin System (UW System) to make annual payments to tribal colleges, from the UW System's appropriation for general program operations. Tribal colleges are defined as the College of Menominee Nation and the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College. The amount of the payments is calculated by multiplying the amount of per student funding received by the tribal college from the federal Bureau of Indian Education for qualifying Indian students (as defined by federal law) by the number of full-time equivalent students who 1) are not Indian students; 2) reside in this state; and 3) are enrolled in the tribal college. A tribal college that desires to receive payments must report certain information to the board.

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.** 20.285 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 20.285 (1) (a) *General program operations; payments to tribal colleges.* The
5 amounts in the schedule for the purpose of educational programs and related

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1 programs and for the payments under s. 36.31 (4) to tribal colleges. The board of
2 regents may not encumber amounts appropriated under this paragraph for
3 groundwater research without the approval of the secretary of administration.

4 **SECTION 2.** 36.31 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

5 36.31 (4) (a) In this subsection:

6 1. “Eligible student” means a student to whom all of the following apply:

7 a. The student is enrolled in a tribal college.

8 b. The student is a resident of this state.

9 c. The student is not an Indian student.

10 2. “Indian student” has the meaning given in 25 USC 1801 (a) (7).

11 3. “Indian student count” has the meaning given in 25 USC 1801 (a) (8).

12 4. “Tribal college” has the meaning given in s. 45.205 (1) (a).

13 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the Board of Regents shall
14 make payments to the governing bodies of tribal colleges, as provided in par. (d).

15 (c) Not later than October 15 of each year, the governing body of any tribal
16 college that desires to receive payments under par. (b) shall report to the Board of
17 Regents all of the following:

18 1. The number of full-time equivalent eligible students enrolled at the tribal
19 college for the previous academic year.

20 2. The Indian student count for the previous academic year.

21 3. The per student funding amount that the tribal college has received or
22 expects to receive from the bureau of Indian education in the federal department of
23 the interior based on the tribal college’s reported Indian student count for the
24 previous academic year.

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1 (d) Not later than December 31 of each year, the Board of Regents shall make
2 a payment to each governing body of a tribal college that has timely submitted to the
3 Board of Regents a report under par. (c). The amount of the annual payment to each
4 tribal college shall be the result obtained by multiplying the number reported under
5 par. (c) 1. by the per student funding amount reported under par. (c) 3.

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