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AMENDMENT MEMO

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Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) 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.

The 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 four-year term.

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Instead of providing three members to represent the state's tribal colleges, the amendment provides for one new seat on HEAB, with each of the state's two tribal colleges alternating appointing a member of its governing body for the seat each term.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Mursau offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 31, 2022. On February 16, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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