

Assembly Bill 863

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## CHAPTER 264

AN ACT to repeal 20.110 (intro. par.) and (1) (a); to renumber 20.110 (1) (m); to amend 39.023 (1) (intro. par.); and to create 20.415 and 39.023 (4m) of the statutes, relating to state grants to resident, full-time post high school students, the state commission for higher educational aids and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.110 (intro. par.) and (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1965, are repealed.

SECTION 2. 20.110 (1) (m) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1965, is renumbered 20.415 (1) (m).

SECTION 3. 20.415 of the statutes is created to read:

20.415 HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS, STATE COMMISSION OF. There is appropriated from the general fund to the state commission of higher educational aids:

(1) (a) *General program operations.* On July 1, 1965, \$79,100 and on July 1, 1966, \$100,000 for its general program operations.

(d) *Grants to students.* Biennially, beginning July 1, 1965, a sum sufficient but not to exceed \$2,400,000 to carry out s. 39.027 (4m) providing grants to full-time resident students enrolled in accredited non-profit, post high school educational institutions in this state.

SECTION 4. 39.023 (1) (intro. par.) of the statutes is amended to read:

39.023 STATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS. (1) There is created a state commission for ~~academic facilities~~ *higher educational aids* to consist of 15 members who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor.

SECTION 5. 39.023 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

39.023 (4m) The commission shall establish a program of grants to full-time resident students enrolled in accredited, nonprofit, post high school, educational institutions in this state.

(a) *Eligibility requirements.* To each full-time resident student registered as a freshman after September 1, 1965, as a freshman or sophomore after September 1, 1966, as a freshman, sophomore or junior after September 1, 1967, as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior after September 1, 1968, and as a freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student after September 1, 1969, in an accredited, nonprofit, post high school, educational institution in this state, the state shall grant an amount as provided in this section for each semester of attendance. No student shall be eligible for grants in more than the equivalent of 8 semesters of undergraduate education and in more than the equivalent of 6 semesters of graduate education. No student shall be eligible for grants unless he maintains such minimum standards of academic performance as are determined by the commission. No grant shall be paid for the first semester of attendance at any institution until the student has completed the semester and attained minimum standards of academic performance as determined by the commission.

(b) *Basis of grants.* The amount of the grant to be paid for each semester shall be based on the figure represented by the effective income of the eligible student or on the effective income of the parent or parents providing a majority of the eligible student's support. The amount of the grant to be paid for each semester shall be computed and determined according to the following schedule, exceptions, limitations and variations:

1. When a parent or parents provide the majority of the support of an eligible student and the student applies for a grant the figure represented by the combined effective income of such parent or parents shall be used in determining the amount of the grant under the schedule.

2. If more than one eligible student for which such parents provide a majority of support is registered in any such institution and qualifies for a grant hereunder, such combined effective income of the parents shall be divided by the number of such eligible students in the family in determining the amount of the grant payable under said schedule to each such student.

3. No grant shall be made under this section to any student enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity, religious education or to religious aspirants.

4. Any student attending an institution with an academic term shorter than a 16-week semester shall be eligible for grants based on the ratio which such term bears to a 16-week semester.

5. The amount of a grant under this section for any semester shall not be more than that portion of a student's tuition and instruction related fees for a semester in excess of \$200; and the amount of a grant under this section for any term shorter than a 16-week semester shall not be more than such portion of the student's tuition and instruction related fees for the term in excess of such part of \$200 as the number of weeks in the shorter term bears to 16.

6. Schedule for determining amounts

Effective income	Amount of grant each semester of study
\$ 0-2,000	\$250
2,001-3,000	225
3,001-4,000	200
4,001-5,000	175
5,001-6,000	150
6,001-7,000	125
7,001-8,000	100
8,001-9,000	75
9,001-10,000	50
over 10,000	None

(c) *Administration by state commission for higher educational aids.* This section shall be administered by the state commission for higher educational aids herein referred to as the "commission." The commission shall prescribe, furnish and make available, at locations in the state convenient to the public, application forms for grants under this subsection. It shall, upon request, advise and assist applicants in making out such forms.

(d) Any student who becomes eligible and receives a grant under this subsection, who subsequently does not complete the semester for which the grant was received shall return a prorated share of the grant based on the number of weeks of the semester left unattended.

(e) *Definitions.* As used in this subsection:

1. "Semester" is any term 16 or more weeks in length.
2. "Net taxable income" is the figure reported as such on the Wisconsin income tax return for the previous calendar year.
3. "Effective income" is net taxable income plus tax exempt income less \$600 per dependent.
4. "Accredited" means accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or by the state board of nursing pursuant to s. 149.01 (4), or, if not so accredited, is a nonprofit institution of higher learning, whose credits are accepted on transfer by not less than 3 institutions which are so accredited, on the same basis as if transferred from an institution so accredited.
5. "Resident student" is deemed to have the same meaning as defined in s. 36.16, so far as applicable.

SECTION 6. This bill is declared to be an emergency appropriation bill, recommended by the joint committee on finance, in accordance with the requirements of section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1965, except that no grants shall be made for any term beginning before August 15, 1965.

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