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AMENDMENT MEMO

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2022 Senate Bill 742

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2021 Senate Bill 742 requires the University of Wisconsin System (UW System) Board of Regents (BOR) to take reasonable measures to ensure that no individual who is or has been a member of, affiliated with or funded by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) is accepted for admission as a UW System student or employed by the UW System. The bill also requires an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the measures taken to accomplish this requirement.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 clarifies that a student applicant, or individual seeking employment, is considered to be affiliated with the Chinese People's Liberation Army for the purposes of the bill if any of the following applies:

- The applicant or individual has ever been employed by, received compensation from, or signed any contract with the Chinese People's Liberation Army.
- The applicant or individual has conducted research or participated in projects in partnership with or sponsored by the Chinese People's Liberation Army.
- The applicant or individual actively communicates with, reports to, or intends to report to the Chinese People's Liberation Army or its members regarding activity at an institution.
- The applicant or individual has indicated a verbal or written commitment to partner with or join the Chinese People's Liberation Army within 10 years of the end of the applicant's enrollment in an institution.
- The applicant or individual meets any other criteria established by the board for determining that a person is affiliated with the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Roth offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 12, 2022. On January 18, 2022, the Senate Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and recommended passage of Senate Bill 742, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 4.

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