



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 44

January 28, 2021 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, DARLING and WIMBERGER, cosponsored by Representatives EDMING, CALLAHAN, ANDERSON, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, MILROY, MOSES, ROZAR, SINICKI, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 36.11 (3) (d) (intro.), 36.11 (47m) (title) and 38.12 (12) (title);
2 and *to create* 36.11 (47m) (c) and 38.12 (12) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 exempting veterans and members of the armed forces from admissions
4 application fees at University of Wisconsin System schools and technical
5 colleges.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an application fee exemption for veterans and members of the U.S. armed forces applying for admission to University of Wisconsin System schools or technical colleges.

Under current law, a student who is a service member must be given priority in registering for courses at UW System schools and technical colleges. A “service member” is defined as a person who has served or is serving on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, in the national guard, or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces.

Under this bill, a UW System school or technical college may not charge an application fee to a service member applying for admission to the UW System school or technical college or to any program offered at the school or technical college.

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For further information see the state and local 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (3) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 36.11 **(3)** (d) (intro.) ~~Each~~ Except as provided in sub. (47m) (c), each institution
3 that has any of the following applicants shall charge a uniform application fee to that
4 group of applicants:

5 **SECTION 2.** 36.11 (47m) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 36.11 **(47m)** (title) ~~SERVICE MEMBERS; PRIORITY REGISTRATION; APPLICATION FEE~~
7 EXEMPTION.

8 **SECTION 3.** 36.11 (47m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

9 36.11 **(47m)** (c) The board shall ensure that no application fee is charged to any
10 service member who applies for admission to any college campus or institution or to
11 any program offered at a college campus or institution.

12 **SECTION 4.** 38.12 (12) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 38.12 **(12)** (title) ~~SERVICE MEMBERS; PRIORITY REGISTRATION; APPLICATION FEE~~
14 EXEMPTION.

15 **SECTION 5.** 38.12 (12) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

16 38.12 **(12)** (c) Each district board shall ensure that no application fee is charged
17 to any service member who applies for admission to any technical college in the
18 district or to any program offered at a technical college in the district. This
19 paragraph does not apply to a seminar fee established under s. 38.40 (4r).

20 **SECTION 6. Initial applicability.**

