



State of Wisconsin
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2015 SENATE BILL 505

January 6, 2016 – Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, MARKLEIN, HARRIS DODD, LASSA, LEMAHIEU and VUKMIR, cosponsored by Representatives HEATON, BALLWEG, BERNIER, BILLINGS, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, EDMING, GANNON, HORLACHER, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KREMER, LOUDENBECK, MILROY, MURTHA, A. OTT, PETRYK, ROHRKASTE, SINICKI, SPIROS, THIESFELDT, WEATHERSTON and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

1 **AN ACT to create** 36.27 (2) (br) of the statutes; **relating to:** exempting from
2 nonresident tuition at the University of Wisconsin System certain members of
3 the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides for resident tuition at University of Wisconsin (UW) System institutions for certain members of the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces who would not otherwise be eligible for resident tuition.

With certain exceptions, under current law, a person must be a resident of this state for at least 12 months prior to registering at an institution within the UW System in order to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition.

This bill provides that a member of the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, other than an inactive guard member or member of the individual ready reserve, who would otherwise be ineligible for the nonresident tuition exemption is eligible if he or she satisfies the following conditions:

1. He or she resided in this state for six months prior to registering at a UW institution.
2. He or she has been a member of the Wisconsin National Guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces for the entire six-month period.
3. He or she continues to be a member of the guard or reserve unit while enrolled in a UW institution or is honorably discharged from the guard or reserve unit.

The bill limits the exemption from nonresident tuition to 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is longer.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 36.27 (2) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

2 36.27 (2) (br) 1. In this paragraph, “national guard” has the meaning given in
3 s. 321.01 (9).

4 2. Subject to subd. 4., a student who meets all of the following requirements is
5 entitled to the exemption under par. (a):

6 a. The student has resided in this state for 6 months next preceding the
7 beginning of any semester or session for which the student registers at an institution.
8 If a student residing in this state is called out of the state to perform duties as a
9 member of the national guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, during the
10 period in which the student is called out of the state the student shall be considered
11 as residing in this state for purposes of this subd. 2. a.

12 b. The student is a member of the national guard or a reserve unit of the U.S.
13 armed forces, other than an inactive member of the national guard or a member of
14 the individual ready reserve as described in 10 USC 10144, when he or she registers
15 at an institution and has been a member for the 6-month period under subd. 2. a.

16 c. While enrolled in an institution, the student continues to be a member of the
17 national guard or reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces, or is honorably discharged
18 from the national guard or a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces.

19 3. If a student receiving the exemption under this paragraph withdraws from
20 the system because he or she is called into state active duty or into active service with
21 the U.S. armed forces for at least 30 days, the student is entitled to the exemption

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1 under this paragraph if he or she reenrolls in the system in the semester in which
2 he or she is discharged, demobilized, or deactivated from active duty or in the next
3 succeeding semester.

4 4. The exemption under this paragraph is limited to 128 credits or 8 semesters,
5 whichever is longer.

6 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

7 (1) This act first applies to a person who registers at an institution in the
8 University of Wisconsin System in the academic year beginning after the effective
9 date of this subsection.

10 (END)