



## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 258

June 3, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives KURTZ, JAMES, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, KRUG, KULP, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, PLUMER, QUINN, SNYDER, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, TRANEL, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, ZIMMERMAN, NOVAK, KATSMA, MILROY, FIELDS, DOYLE, SKOWRONSKI, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, OTT, RODRIGUEZ, THIESFELDT and BILLINGS, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, TIFFANY, FEYEN, MARKLEIN and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Health.

- 1     **AN ACT to create** 20.235 (1) (dg), 20.235 (1) (dr) and 36.635 of the statutes;  
2           **relating to:** Marquette University School of Dentistry rural scholarship  
3           program and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Higher Educational Aids Board, in consultation with the Department of Health Services, to establish a program for awarding annual scholarships of \$75,000 to no more than five first-year students enrolled in the Marquette University School of Dentistry (school). The scholarships are awarded for each year of enrollment in the school, but not exceeding four years. To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must be a state resident and enter into an agreement with HEAB that he or she will practice dentistry upon graduation for a required number of months in an eligible area in this state, which is a federally designated dental health shortage area that is not located in Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, or Waukesha County. The number of months required is 18 months for each annual scholarship awarded to the student. In addition, the agreement must specify that if a student does not practice dentistry in an eligible area in this state for the required number of months, he or she is liable to the state for an amount that is based on the number of months he or she did not practice in an eligible area in this state. Also, the bill requires HEAB, in cooperation with the school, to make every effort to ensure that students in the program practice dentistry upon graduation in eligible areas in this state that are geographically diverse. Finally, the bill requires HEAB to make grants to the school to defray the school's administrative costs related to the program.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
2           the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				2019-20	2020-21
3	<b>20.235</b>	<b>Higher educational aids board</b>			
4	(1)	STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES			
5	(dg)	Rural dentistry scholarship pro-			
6		gram; scholarships	GPR    A	-0-	1,500,000
7	(dr)	Rural dentistry scholarship pro-			
8		gram; administration	GPR    B	-0-	350,000

9           **SECTION 2.** 20.235 (1) (dg) of the statutes is created to read:

10           20.235 (1) (dg) *Rural dentistry scholarship program; scholarships.* The  
11           amounts in schedule for scholarships under the program established under s. 36.635  
12           (2).

13           **SECTION 3.** 20.235 (1) (dr) of the statutes is created to read:

14           20.235 (1) (dr) *Rural dentistry scholarship program; administration.*  
15           Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 36.635 (5).

16           **SECTION 4.** 36.635 of the statutes is created to read:

17           **36.635 Rural dentistry scholarship program.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this  
18           section:

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1 (a) “Actual practice total” is the total number of months that a student upon  
2 graduation practices dentistry in a dental health shortage area in this state. For  
3 purposes of this paragraph, a fraction of a month is counted as one month.

4 (b) “Dental health shortage area” has the meaning given in s. 36.60 (1) (ad),  
5 except that “dental health shortage area” does not include an area in the county of  
6 Brown, Dane, Kenosha, Milwaukee, or Waukesha.

7 (c) “Repayment liability percentage” means the percentage that results from  
8 dividing the difference between a student’s required practice total and the student’s  
9 actual practice total by the student’s required practice total.

10 (d) “Required practice total” means the total number of months a student upon  
11 graduation is required under sub. (3) to practice dentistry in a dental health shortage  
12 area in this state.

13 (e) “School” means the Marquette University School of Dentistry.

14 **(2) SCHOLARSHIPS.** In consultation with the department of health services, the  
15 board shall establish a program for awarding to no more than 5 first-year students  
16 an annual scholarship, including a stipend, equal to \$75,000 for each year of a  
17 student’s enrollment but not exceeding 4 years. The board shall pay the scholarships  
18 from the appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (dg).

19 **(3) ELIGIBILITY; AGREEMENTS.** (a) A student is not eligible for a scholarship under  
20 the program established under sub. (2) unless he or she is a resident of the state and  
21 enters into an agreement with board in which he or she agrees upon graduation to  
22 practice dentistry in a dental health shortage area in this state for a period equal to  
23 18 months multiplied by the number of annual scholarships the board awards to the  
24 student under the program.

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1 (b) An agreement under par. (a) shall specify that if a student fails to practice  
2 dentistry in a dental health shortage area in this state for the period required under  
3 par. (a), he or she is liable to the state for an amount equal to the total dollar amount  
4 of annual scholarships awarded to the student multiplied by the student's  
5 repayment liability percentage.

6 (4) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY. In cooperation with the school, the board shall make  
7 every effort to ensure that students who are awarded scholarships under the  
8 program established under sub. (2) practice dentistry upon graduation in  
9 geographically diverse dental health shortage areas in this state.

10 (5) ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS. The board shall make grants from the  
11 appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (dr) to the school to defray the school's  
12 administrative costs related to the program established under sub. (2).

**SECTION 5. Effective date.**

14 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after  
15 publication of the 2019 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

16 (END)