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2019 SENATE BILL 150

April 4, 2019 - Introduced by Senators Kooyenga, Darling, Cowles, Feyen, Nass and Stroebel, cosponsored by Representatives Zimmerman, Brandtjen, Brooks, Horlacher, Loudenbeck, Murphy, Ramthun, Sanfelippo, Skowronski, Spiros, Thiesfeldt and Tusler. Referred to Committee on Universities, Technical Colleges, Children and Families.

AN ACT *to amend* 36.27 (title) and 36.27 (1) (a); and *to create* 36.27 (6) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** segregated fees for part-time students at University of Wisconsin System schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires segregated fees charged to part-time students at University of Wisconsin System schools to be calculated on a per credit basis.

Under current law, the Board of Regents of the UW System may establish fees incidental to enrollment in educational programs or use of system facilities. In addition to academic fees or nonresident tuition, the Board of Regents may charge students segregated fees. The segregated fees applicable at each UW school must be posted on the school's Internet site along with detailed information on the organizations and activities for which certain segregated fees are expended, and each student's bill for a semester or session must list the amount assessed against the student for segregated fees separately from the amount assessed for academic fees or nonresident tuition. Segregated fees may be used only for the purpose for which they are charged.

This bill requires that the amount of segregated fees assessed against part-time students (those enrolled for fewer than 12 academic credits in a semester or session) at UW schools be calculated on a per credit basis.

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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:

SECTION 1. 36.27 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (title) Tuition and fees.

Section 2. 36.27 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

36.27 (1) (a) Subject to par. (b) and sub. (6) (c), the board may establish for different classes of students differing tuition and fees incidental to enrollment in educational programs or use of facilities in the system. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the board may charge any student who is not exempted by this section a nonresident tuition. The Subject to sub. (6) (c), the board may establish special rates of tuition and fees for the extension and summer sessions and such other studies or courses of instruction as the board deems advisable.

Section 3. 36.27 (6) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 **(6)** (c) The board shall ensure that, at each institution and college campus, the amount of segregated fees assessed against students enrolled for fewer than 12 academic credits in a semester or session are calculated on a per credit basis for that semester or session.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to segregated fees charged for the first semester or session beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

Section 5. Effective date.

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1 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after publication.

3 (END)