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2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 4,  
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 50**

July 2, 2025 - Offered by Representatives JOERS, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, CRUZ, DESANTO, DESMIDT, DOYLE, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HAYWOOD, HONG, HYSELL, J. JACOBSON, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MCCARVILLE, MCGUIRE, MIRESSE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, PALMERI, PHELPS, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPAUDE, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK, TAYLOR, TENORIO, UDELL and VINING.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

3 **“SECTION 9147. Nonstatutory provisions; University of Wisconsin**  
4 **System.**

5 (1) FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MISSING-IN-ACTION  
6 RECOVERY AND IDENTIFICATION PROJECT.

7 (a) In this subsection:

8 1. “Board” means the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.

9 2. “MIA Recovery Project” means the University of Wisconsin Missing-in-  
10 Action Recovery and Identification Project.

11 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the board shall provide

1 \$500,000 in funding in each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium for the MIA  
2 Recovery Project to perform a mission for the recovery and identification of  
3 Wisconsin veterans who are missing in action.

4 (c) The MIA Recovery Project, acting through its representative, shall submit  
5 at the conclusion of the mission for which the funds were expended, to the board,  
6 the joint committee on finance, the standing committees of each house of the  
7 legislature dealing with veterans matters, the governor, the department of veterans  
8 affairs, and the department of military affairs, a report on the mission's findings  
9 and an accounting of expenditures for the mission.

10 **SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

11 (1) In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of  
12 Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar  
13 amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$500,000 and the dollar amount for  
14 fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$500,000 to provide funding for the Missing-in-  
15 Action Recovery and Identification Project under SECTION 9147 (1) of this act.”.

16 **2.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

17 **“SECTION 9142. Nonstatutory provisions; Technical College System.**

18 (1) VOTER IDENTIFICATION. No later than August 1, 2025, each technical  
19 college in this state that is a member of and governed by the technical college  
20 system under ch. 38 shall issue student identification cards that qualify as  
21 identification under s. 5.02 (6m) (f).”.

22 **3.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

23 **“SECTION 1. 16.22 (2) (m) of the statutes is created to read:**

1           16.22 **(2)** (m) Administer the scholarship program under sub. (2m).

2           **SECTION 2.** 16.22 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

16.22 (2m) STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is created a scholarship program for recipients of awards disbursed under 42 USC 12604. From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (4) (fm), the board shall award scholarships annually, on a dollar-for-dollar match with the federal award, under this subsection. The board may prorate an award based on available moneys. To be eligible for a scholarship under this program, an applicant shall provide proof of all of the following:

10 (a) Current residency in this state or completion of service with the national  
11 service program in this state.

12 (b) Current admission to an institution of higher education in this state.

13 2025-26      2026-27

14      **20.505 Administration, department of**

15 (4) ATTACHED DIVISIONS AND OTHER BODIES

16 (fm) National and community service

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| 17 | board; state scholarship program | GPR | B | 1,600,000 | 1,600,000 |
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18 **SECTION 3.** 20.505 (4) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (4) (fm) *National and community service board; state scholarship*  
*program.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the state scholarship program  
under s. 16.22 (2m).

22           **SECTION 4.** 20.505 (4) (o) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           20.505 (4) (o) *National and community service board; federal aid for*  
24       *administration.* ~~From the~~ All moneys received from the corporation for national

1 and community service under 42 USC ~~12542 (a) and 12571 (a), as a continuing~~  
2 ~~appropriation, the amounts in the schedule~~ that are designated for administering  
3 the national and community service program, for the administration of the national  
4 and community service program under s. 16.22.

5 **SECTION 5.** 20.505 (4) (p) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 20.505 (4) (p) *National and community service board; federal aid for grants.*  
7 ~~From the~~ All moneys received from the corporation for national and community  
8 service under 42 USC ~~12542 (a) and 12571 (a), all moneys not appropriated under~~  
9 ~~par. (e)~~ that are designated for the purpose of national service program grants, for  
10 national service program grants under s. 16.22 (2) (h).

11 **SECTION 9101. Nonstatutory provisions; Administration.**

12 (1) POSITION AUTHORIZATION; NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD. The  
13 authorized FTE positions for the department of administration are increased by 1.0  
14 PR positions for administrative support of the national and community service  
15 board.

16 **SECTION 9201. Fiscal changes; Administration.**

17 (1) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
18 appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (1) (a), the dollar  
19 amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$26,200 to carry out the purposes for  
20 which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
21 appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (1) (a), the dollar  
22 amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$31,100 to carry out the purposes for  
23 which the appropriation is made.

24 (2) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD; MONEYS RECEIVED FROM THE

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (4) (o), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$104,900 to carry out the purposes for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (4) (o), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$124,300 to carry out the purposes for which the appropriation is made.

(3) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD; FEDERAL MONEYS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (4) (p), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$41,500 to carry out the purposes for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (4) (p), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$41,500 to carry out the purposes for which the appropriation is made.”.

**4.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

(1) VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY POSITIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (fj), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$568,500 to increase the authorized FTE positions assigned to the veterinary diagnostic laboratory by 6.0 GPR microbiologist positions and 1.0 GPR sample receiving technician position. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under

s. 20.285 (1) (fj), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$568,500 to provide funding for the positions authorized under this subsection.”.

**5.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

(1) VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY; COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (fj), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$217,300 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$217,300 to provide funding for compensation adjustments to achieve compensation equity for 8 University of Wisconsin System employees assigned to the veterinary diagnostic laboratory as pathologists, specialists, or section heads.”.

**6.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

(1) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$354,900,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$348,300,000.”.

**7.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

(1) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS; TUITION PROMISE EXPANSION. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the

1 University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal  
2 year 2025-26 is increased by \$11,860,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year  
3 2026-27 is increased by \$28,110,000 to expand the tuition promise initiative to  
4 additional University of Wisconsin System institutions.

5 (2) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS; VETERAN TUITION REMISSION. In the  
6 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the  
7 University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal  
8 year 2025-26 is increased by \$42,000,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year  
9 2026-27 is increased by \$42,000,000 for veteran tuition remission and support  
10 services.

11 (3) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS; TRIBAL EDUCATION PROMISE EXPANSION.  
12 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of  
13 the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for  
14 fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$2,500,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year  
15 2026-27 is increased by \$2,500,000 to expand the tribal educational promise  
16 initiative to additional University of Wisconsin System institutions.”.

17 **8.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

18 **“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

19 (1) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS; STUDENT SUPPORT AND TALENT  
20 DEVELOPMENT POSITIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation  
21 to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1)  
22 (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$41,819,000 to provide  
23 funding for, and to increase the authorized FTE positions by 159.0 GPR positions  
24 related to, student support and talent development. In the schedule under s. 20.005

(3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$41,819,000 to provide funding for student support and talent development and the positions authorized under this subsection.”.

**9.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

(1) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS; STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$11,000,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$11,000,000 for student mental health services.”.

**10.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 9242. Fiscal changes; Technical College System.**

(1) GRANTS TO DISTRICT BOARDS; OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (f), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$3,000,000 to increase funding for grants to technical college districts to create open educational resource textbooks and other materials that can be utilized by all students.”.

**11.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

(1) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS; OPERATIONS AND OUTREACH. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the



1 University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal  
2 year 2025-26 is increased by \$130,146,100 to provide funding for, and to increase  
3 the authorized FTE positions by 34.0 GPR positions related to, operations and  
4 outreach to expand student access to University of Wisconsin System institutions.  
5 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of  
6 the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for  
7 fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$178,197,800 to provide funding for operations  
8 and outreach to expand student access to University of Wisconsin System  
9 institutions and for the positions authorized under this subsection.”.

10 **12.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

11 **“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

12 (1) FRESHWATER COLLABORATIVE; SUPPLIES AND SERVICES. In the schedule  
13 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
14 Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (ar), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26  
15 is increased by \$112,400 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased  
16 by \$112,400 to increase funding for supplies and services.

17 (2) TOMMY G. THOMPSON CENTER; SUPPLIES AND SERVICES. In the schedule  
18 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
19 Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26  
20 is increased by \$47,700 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by  
21 \$47,700 to increase funding for supplies and services.

22 (3) STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE; SUPPLIES AND SERVICES. In the schedule  
23 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
24 Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (fd), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26

1 is increased by \$62,100 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by  
2 \$62,100 to increase funding for supplies and services.

3 (4) RURAL PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; SUPPLIES AND  
4 SERVICES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of  
5 Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (qe), the dollar  
6 amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$12,800 and the dollar amount for  
7 fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$12,800 to increase funding for supplies and  
8 services.

9 (5) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES; SUPPLIES AND SERVICES. In the schedule  
10 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of  
11 Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (q), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26  
12 is increased by \$52,700 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by  
13 \$52,700 to increase funding for supplies and services.”.

14 **13.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

15 **“SECTION 9247. Fiscal changes; University of Wisconsin System.**

16 (1) GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS; INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES. In the  
17 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the  
18 University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal  
19 year 2025-26 is increased by \$87,585,000 to provide funding for, and to increase the  
20 authorized FTE positions by 7.0 GPR positions related to, innovative technologies.  
21 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of  
22 the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for  
23 fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$16,700,000 to provide funding for the positions  
24 authorized under this subsection beginning in the 2025-26 fiscal year and to

1 increase the authorized FTE positions by an additional 14.0 GPR positions related  
2 to innovative technologies.”.

3 **14.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

4 **“SECTION 9101. Nonstatutory provisions; Administration.**

5 (1) COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM  
6 EMPLOYEES.

7 (a) *Merit-based and market-based compensation.* The administrator of the  
8 division of personnel management in the department of administration shall  
9 provide in the compensation plan under s. 230.12 for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium  
10 for merit-based salary increases and other market-based compensation salary  
11 increases to attract and retain high performing faculty at University of Wisconsin  
12 system institutions, particularly institutions other than the University of  
13 Wisconsin-Madison, that are paid for with \$28,000,000 GPR from the compensation  
14 reserves for fiscal year 2025-26 and \$28,000,000 GPR from the compensation  
15 reserves for fiscal year 2026-27.

16 (b) *Compensation plan amendment.* If, on the effective date of this paragraph,  
17 the compensation plan under s. 230.12 has been adopted for the 2025-27 fiscal  
18 biennium and the compensation plan does not include the merit-based salary  
19 increases and other market-based compensation salary increases under par. (a), by  
20 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this paragraph, the administrator of  
21 the division of personnel management in the department of administration shall  
22 propose an amendment under s. 230.12 (3) (c) to include the merit-based salary

1 increases and other market-based compensation salary increases under par. (a) in  
2 the compensation plan for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.”.

3 **15.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

4 “**SECTION 6.** 36.61 (1) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

5 36.61 (1) (ab) “Behavioral health provider” means an individual who, under  
6 ch. 457, is certified as a social worker or licensed as a clinical social worker, a  
7 marriage and family therapist, or a professional counselor.

8 **SECTION 7.** 36.61 (1) (ae) of the statutes is created to read:

9 36.61 (1) (ae) “Dental assistant” means an individual who holds a certified  
10 dental assistant credential issued by a national credentialing organization.

11 **SECTION 8.** 36.61 (1) (af) of the statutes is created to read:

12 36.61 (1) (af) “Dental auxiliary” means an expanded function dental  
13 auxiliary holding a certification under s. 447.04 (3).

14 **SECTION 9.** 36.61 (1) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 36.61 (1) (am) “Eligible practice area” has the meaning given in s. 36.60 (1)  
16 (ag); except that, with respect to a dental hygienist, dental assistant, dental  
17 auxiliary, or dental therapist, “eligible practice area” means a dental health  
18 shortage area or a free or charitable clinic.

19 **SECTION 10.** 36.61 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 36.61 (1) (b) (intro.)  
20 and amended to read:

21 36.61 (1) (b) (intro.) “Health care provider” means ~~a~~ any of the following:

22 1. A dental therapist,

23 2. A dental hygienist,

1           3. A physician assistant<sub>7.</sub>

2           4. A nurse-midwife~~, or~~<sub>8.</sub>

3           5. A nurse practitioner.

4           **SECTION 11.** 36.61 (1) (b) 6., 7., 8., 9. and 10. of the statutes are created to  
5 read:

6           36.61 (1) (b) 6. A medical assistant.

7           7. A dental assistant.

8           8. A dental auxiliary.

9           9. A behavioral health provider.

10          10. A substance abuse treatment provider.

11          **SECTION 12.** 36.61 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

12          36.61 (1) (c) “Medical assistant” means an individual who has received a  
13 medical assistant technical diploma from a technical college under ch. 38 or who  
14 has successfully completed the national certification examination for medical  
15 assistants.

16          **SECTION 13.** 36.61 (1) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

17          36.61 (1) (f) “Substance abuse treatment provider” means an individual who  
18 is certified as a substance abuse counselor, clinical supervisor, or prevention  
19 specialist under s. 440.88.

20          **SECTION 14.** 36.61 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 36.61 (2) (a) and  
21 amended to read:

22          36.61 (2) (a) ~~The~~ Except as provided in par. (b), the board may repay, on behalf  
23 of a health care provider, up to \$25,000 in educational loans obtained by the health

1 care provider from a public or private lending institution for education related to  
2 the health care provider's field of practice, as determined by the board with the  
3 advice of the council.

4 **SECTION 15.** 36.61 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5 36.61 (2) (b) For a health care provider that is a medical assistant, the board's  
6 repayment under par. (a) may not exceed \$12,500.

7 **SECTION 16.** 36.61 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 36.61 (3) (a) The board shall enter into a written agreement with the health  
9 care provider. In the agreement, the health care provider shall agree to practice at  
10 least 32 clinic hours per week for 3 years in one or more eligible practice areas in  
11 this state or in a rural area, except that a health care provider in the expanded loan  
12 assistance program under sub. (8) who is not a dental therapist, dental assistant,  
13 dental auxiliary, or dental hygienist may only agree to practice at a public or private  
14 nonprofit entity in a health professional shortage area.

15 **SECTION 17.** 36.61 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 36.61 (4) (am), and 36.61  
16 (4) (am) (intro.), as renumbered, is amended to read:

17 36.61 (4) (am) (intro.) ~~Principal~~ Except as provided in par. (bm), principal and  
18 interest due on loans, exclusive of any penalties, may be repaid by the board at the  
19 following rate:

20 **SECTION 18.** 36.61 (4) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

21 36.61 (4) (bm) For a health care provider that is a medical assistant, principal  
22 and interest due on loans, exclusive of any penalties, may be repaid by the board at  
23 the following rate:

1           1. Up to 40 percent of the principal of the loan or \$5,000, whichever is less,  
2 during the first year of participation in the program under this section.

3           2. Up to an additional 40 percent of the principal of the loan or \$5,000,  
4 whichever is less, during the 2nd year of participation in the program under this  
5 section.

6           3. Up to an additional 20 percent of the principal of the loan or \$2,500,  
7 whichever is less, during the 3rd year of participation in the program under this  
8 section.

9           **SECTION 19.** 36.61 (5) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

10           36.61 (5) (b) 1. The degree to which there is an extremely high need for  
11 medical care in the eligible practice area, health professional shortage area, or rural  
12 area in which an eligible applicant who is not a dental therapist, dental assistant,  
13 dental auxiliary, or dental hygienist desires to practice and the degree to which  
14 there is an extremely high need for dental care in the dental health shortage area or  
15 rural area in which an eligible applicant who is a dental therapist, dental assistant,  
16 dental auxiliary, or dental hygienist desires to practice.

17           **SECTION 20.** 36.61 (8) (c) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

18           36.61 (8) (c) 3. Practice at a public or private nonprofit entity in a health  
19 professional shortage area, if the health care provider is not a dental therapist,  
20 dental assistant, dental auxiliary, or dental hygienist, or in a dental health  
21 shortage area, if the health care provider is a dental therapist, dental assistant,  
22 dental auxiliary, or dental hygienist.

23           **SECTION 21.** 36.62 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           36.62 (2) Advise the board on the amount, up to \$25,000 for health care

1 providers other than medical assistants and up to \$12,500 for medical assistants, to  
2 be repaid on behalf of each health care provider who participates in the health care  
3 provider loan assistance program under s. 36.61.

4 **SECTION 9147. Nonstatutory provisions; University of Wisconsin**  
5 **System.**

6 (1) FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN PROGRAM. From  
7 the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the Board of Regents of the University of  
8 Wisconsin System shall allocate in each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium,  
9 at least \$1,001,500, for the program under s. 36.61, including any extension of  
10 program eligibility to additional health care providers, as defined in s. 36.61 (1)  
11 (b).”.

12 **16.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

13 **“SECTION 9147. Nonstatutory provisions; University of Wisconsin**  
14 **System.**

15 (1) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES.

16 (a) In this subsection:

17 1. “Board” means the Board of Regents of the system.

18 2. “System” means the University of Wisconsin System.

19 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the board shall allocate at  
20 least the following amounts for the following purposes:

21 1. In fiscal year 2025-26, \$1,209,500, and in fiscal year 2026-27, \$1,612,500, to  
22 increase assistance to veterans and military personnel enrolled in the system and  
23 to their families.



2. In each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, \$1,001,500, for the program under s. 36.61, including any extension of program eligibility to additional health care providers, as defined in s. 36.61 (1) (b).

3. In each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, \$500,000, to establish or continue foster youth programming for eligible students enrolled in the system.

4. In each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, \$300,000, for the University of Wisconsin–Madison’s UniverCity Alliance program that leverages the university’s academic and research resources to address challenges faced by urban areas.

5. In each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, \$1,000,000, to support journalism programs and fellowships for students and graduates of journalism programs at system institutions.

6. In each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, \$250,000, for the system to provide education, training, research, and technical assistance to support small businesses and entrepreneurs, economic development practitioners, and communities in the development of entrepreneurial activity in rural Wisconsin.

(2) GRANT TO THE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHY AGING.

(a) From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System shall award a grant of \$450,000 in each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium to the Institute for Healthy Aging to support programs in fall prevention and recovery training.”.

**17.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

**“SECTION 22.** 36.27 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

1           36.27 (2) (b) 5. A person who is a resident of and living in this state at the time  
2 of registering at an institution and who is a veteran described under s. 45.01 (12)  
3 (fm) is entitled to the exemption under par. (a).

4           **SECTION 23.** 36.27 (3g) of the statutes is created to read:

5           36.27 (3g) FEE REMISSION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL MEMBERS. (a) Subject to pars.  
6 (b) and (c), the board shall grant full remission of academic fees and segregated fees  
7 to any student enrolled in the system who is all of the following:

8           1. A bona fide resident of this state, as determined under sub. (2).

9           2. An enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe in this  
10 state.

11           (b) A student is eligible for remission of fees under par. (a) for 128 credits or 8  
12 semesters, whichever is longer.

13           (c) A student is eligible for remission of fees under par. (a) only if the student  
14 maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.

15           (b) The board shall grant full remission of academic fees to student teachers  
16 during their semester of student teaching.

17           **SECTION 24.** 36.27 (3p) (a) 1r. g. of the statutes is created to read:

18           36.27 (3p) (a) 1r. g. The person meets the criteria described under s. 45.01  
19 (12) (fm).

20           **SECTION 25.** 36.27 (3q) of the statutes is created to read:

21           36.27 (3q) FEE REMISSION FOR STUDENT TEACHERS. (a) In this subsection,  
22 “student teacher” means an individual enrolled in the system who is a bona fide  
23 resident of this state, as determined under sub. (2), and who is participating in the

1 student teaching component of an educator preparatory program approved by the  
2 state superintendent of public instruction under s. 115.28 (7) (a).

3 **SECTION 26.** 45.01 (12) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

4 45.01 (12) (fm) A person who resides in this state, if any of the following  
5 applies:

6 1. The person was naturalized pursuant to section 2 (1) of the federal Hmong  
7 Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000, P.L. 106-207.

8 2. The person is a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United  
9 States and the secretary has determined that the person served honorably with a  
10 special guerrilla unit or irregular forces operating from a base in Laos in support of  
11 the armed forces of the United States at any time during the period beginning  
12 February 28, 1961, and ending September 18, 1978.

13 **SECTION 27.** 45.01 (12) (k) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 28.** 45.44 (3) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 45.44 (3) (c) (intro.) A veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a) to (f) (fm), or one  
16 of the following:

17 **SECTION 29.** 45.51 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 45.51 (2) (a) 1. A veteran, other than a veteran described under s. 45.01 (12)  
19 (fm).

20 **SECTION 30.** 234.622 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 234.622 (4) (b) A veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a) to (f) (fm), who has  
22 been accepted into the program.

23 **SECTION 31.** 234.625 (4) (b) 9. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 234.625 (4) (b) 9. If the participant is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a)

1 to ~~(f)~~ (fm), who is not 65 years of age or older, at a time before any of the events  
2 under subds. 1. to 7. occurs, as determined under policies and procedures  
3 established by the authority.

4 **SECTION 9347. Initial applicability; University of Wisconsin System.**

5 (1) FEE REMISSION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL MEMBERS. The treatment of s. 36.27  
6 (3g) first applies to students who enroll for the semester or session following the  
7 effective date of this subsection.

8 (2) FEE REMISSION FOR STUDENT TEACHERS. The treatment of s. 36.27 (3q)  
9 first applies to individuals who commence student teaching in the first semester  
10 that begins after the effective date of this subsection.”.

11 **18.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

12 “**SECTION 32.** 36.27 (2) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

13 36.27 (2) (ar) A student is entitled to the exemption under par. (a) if all of the  
14 following apply:

15 1. The student is a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or  
16 band in this state or is a member of a federally recognized tribe in Minnesota,  
17 Illinois, Iowa, or Michigan.

18 2. The student has resided in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, or  
19 Michigan, or in any combination of these states, for at least 12 months immediately  
20 preceding the beginning of any semester or session in which the student enrolls in  
21 an institution.

22 **SECTION 33.** 36.27 (2) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:

1           36.27 (2) (cr) A person who is not a citizen of the United States is entitled to  
2 the exemption under par. (a) if that person meets all of the following requirements:

3           1. The person graduated from a high school in this state or received a  
4 declaration of equivalency of high school graduation from this state.

5           2. The person was continuously present in this state for at least 3 years  
6 following the first day of attending a high school in this state or immediately  
7 preceding receipt of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.

8           3. The person enrolls in an institution and provides that institution with proof  
9 that the person has filed or will file an application for lawful permanent resident  
10 status with the U.S. citizenship and immigration services as soon as the person is  
11 eligible to do so.

12           **SECTION 9347. Initial applicability; University of Wisconsin System.**

13           (1) NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL MEMBERS. The  
14 treatment of s. 36.27 (2) (ar) first applies to students who enroll for the semester or  
15 session following the effective date of this subsection.

16           (2) NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN UNDOCUMENTED  
17 INDIVIDUALS. The treatment of s. 36.27 (2) (cr) first applies to persons who enroll  
18 for the semester or session following the effective date of this subsection.”.

19           **19.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

20           “**SECTION 34.** 36.47 of the statutes is created to read:

21           **36.47 Parkinson’s disease registry. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

22           (a) “Department” means the Population Health Institute, or its successor, at  
23 the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health.

1 (a) “Health care facility” has the meaning given in s. 155.01 (6).

2 (b) “Health care provider” means a physician, surgeon, physician assistant, or  
3 nurse practitioner.

4 (c) “Parkinsonism” means a condition that causes a combination of the  
5 movement abnormalities seen in Parkinson’s disease, including tremor at rest, slow  
6 movements, muscle rigidity, stooped posture, or unsteady or shuffling gait, which  
7 often overlap with and can evolve from what appears to be Parkinson’s disease.  
8 “Parkinsonism” includes multiple system atrophy, dementia with Lewy bodies,  
9 corticobasal degeneration, and progressive supranuclear palsy.

10 (d) “Parkinson’s disease” means a chronic and progressive neurologic disorder  
11 resulting from deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine as the consequence of  
12 specific degenerative changes in the basal ganglia, which is characterized by tremor  
13 at rest, slow movements, muscle rigidity, stooped posture, and unsteady or  
14 shuffling gait.

15 **(2) CONSULTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.** The  
16 department of health services may do all of the following:

17 (a) Assist the department in the establishment and maintenance of a  
18 Parkinson’s disease registry, as provided under sub. (3).

19 (b) Make recommendations to the department on the data to be collected in  
20 the Parkinson’s disease registry.

21 (c) Advise the department on the Parkinson’s disease registry.

22 (d) Make recommendations to the department on the best practices for the  
23 establishment of the Parkinson’s disease registry under sub. (3).

24 **(3) PARKINSON’S DISEASE REGISTRY.** (a) By no later than the first day of the

1 19th month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph .... [LRB inserts  
2 date], the department shall, after consultation with the department of health  
3 services, establish and maintain a Parkinson's disease registry for the collection,  
4 storage, and dissemination of information about the incidence and prevalence of  
5 Parkinson's disease and parkinsonisms in this state.

6 (b) The department shall collect and store in the Parkinson's disease registry  
7 data reported under s. 255.18 (2) by health care providers and health care facilities.

8 (c) The department shall prescribe the format for reporting information to the  
9 department under s. 255.18 (2).

10 (d) The department shall create, and regularly review and revise, a list of  
11 information that health care providers and health care facilities must report,  
12 subject to s. 255.18 (2) (d), to the department under s. 255.18 (2). The list shall  
13 include the incident of a patient's Parkinson's disease or parkinsonism; necessary  
14 triggering diagnostic conditions, consistent with the latest version of the  
15 International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems;  
16 resulting case data on issues including diagnosis, treatment, and survival; and  
17 patient demographic information, including age, gender, and race. The Board of  
18 Regents of the University of Wisconsin System may promulgate rules to implement  
19 and administer this paragraph.

20 (e) The University of Wisconsin-Madison may enter into agreements in order  
21 for the department to securely and confidentially receive information from data  
22 reporting entities and their associated electronic medical records vendors related to  
23 Parkinson's disease testing, diagnosis, and treatment.

24 (f) 1. The University of Wisconsin-Madison may enter into agreements in

1 order for the department to disclose data collected in the Parkinson's disease  
2 registry to another state's Parkinson's disease registry, a federal Parkinson's  
3 disease control agency, a local health officer, or a researcher who proposes to  
4 conduct research on Parkinson's disease.

5 2. Before disclosing data containing confidential information to an entity  
6 under subd. 1., the University of Wisconsin-Madison shall require the entity to  
7 specify the purpose for the requested disclosure, agree in writing to maintain the  
8 confidentiality of the information and, if the entity is a researcher, provide all of the  
9 following to the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

10 a. A written protocol to perform research.

11 b. Documentation of approval of the research protocol by an institutional  
12 review board of a domestic institution that has a federalwide assurance approved by  
13 the office for human research protections of the federal department of health and  
14 human services.

15 c. Documentation that demonstrates to the University of Wisconsin-  
16 Madison's satisfaction that the researcher has established procedures and has the  
17 capability to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

18 (4) WEBSITE. (a) By no later than the first day of the 19th month beginning  
19 after the effective date of this paragraph .... [LRB inserts date], the department  
20 shall establish and maintain a public website dedicated to the Parkinson's disease  
21 registry under sub. (3). The department shall include on the website all of the  
22 following:

23 1. Downloadable annual reports on the incidence and prevalence of  
24 Parkinson's disease in this state.



1           2. Relevant data, as determined by the department, about Parkinson's  
2 disease and parkinsonisms for the 5-year period prior to the effective date of this  
3 subdivision .... [LRB inserts date].

4           3. Other helpful resources about Parkinson's disease, as determined by the  
5 department.

6           (b) By no later than January 1 of each year, the department shall update the  
7 information specified in par. (a) 1. on the website maintained under par. (a).

8           (c) The department shall publish on its website notice of the reporting  
9 requirement under s. 255.18 no fewer than 90 days before the reporting  
10 requirement takes effect.

11           **(5) CONFIDENTIALITY.** (a) Any information reported to the department under  
12 s. 255.18 (2) that could identify an individual who is the subject of the report or a  
13 health care provider submitting the report is confidential.

14           (b) To ensure privacy, the department shall use a coding system for the data  
15 stored in the Parkinson's disease registry that removes any identifying information  
16 about an individual who is the subject of a report under s. 255.18.

17           (c) 1. If the University of Wisconsin-Madison or the department discloses  
18 confidential information as authorized under sub. (3) (f), the University of  
19 Wisconsin-Madison or department may include in the disclosure only the  
20 information necessary for the purpose specified under sub. (3) (f) 2.

21           2. A person who obtains confidential information from the University of  
22 Wisconsin-Madison or the department under sub. (3) (f) may use the information  
23 only for the purpose specified under sub. (3) (f) 2. and may not redisclose the  
24 information.

1 (d) The department shall maintain an accurate record of all persons given  
2 access to confidential information under this section. The record shall include all of  
3 the following:

- 4 1. The name of the person authorizing access.
- 5 2. The title, address, and organizational affiliation of any person given access.
- 6 3. The dates of access.
- 7 4. The specific purpose for which the information is to be used.

8 (e) The department shall make the records maintained under par. (d)  
9 available for public inspection during the department's normal operating hours.

10 (f) Confidential information under this section is not available for subpoena  
11 and may not be disclosed, discoverable, or compelled to be produced in any civil,  
12 criminal, administrative, or other proceeding. Confidential information under this  
13 section is not admissible as evidence in any civil, criminal, administrative, or other  
14 tribunal or court for any reason.

15 **SECTION 35.** 146.82 (2) (a) 8m. of the statutes is created to read:

16 146.82 (2) (a) 8m. To the Population Health Institute, or its successor, at the  
17 University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health under s.  
18 255.18 (2) and to the persons specified under s. 36.47 (3) (f). The release of a patient  
19 health care record under this subdivision shall be limited to the information  
20 specified in the list under s. 36.47 (3) (d).

21 **SECTION 36.** 255.18 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **255.18 Parkinson's disease registry reporting. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this  
23 section:

24 (a) "Health care facility" has the meaning given in s. 155.01 (6).

1 (b) “Health care provider” means a physician, surgeon, physician assistant, or  
2 nurse practitioner.

3 (c) “Parkinsonism” has the meaning given in s. 36.47 (1) (c)

4 (d) “Parkinson’s disease” has the meaning given in s. 36.47 (1) (d).

5 (e) “Parkinson’s disease registry” means the Parkinson’s disease registry  
6 established and maintained by the Population Health Institute under s. 36.47 (3).

7 (f) “Population Health Institute” means the Population Health Institute, or  
8 its successor, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public  
9 Health.

10 (2) REPORTING REQUIRED. Beginning on the first day of the 25th month  
11 beginning after the effective date of this subsection .... [LRB inserts date], if a  
12 health care provider diagnoses a patient with Parkinson’s disease or a  
13 parkinsonism in this state or, for a health care provider who has primary  
14 responsibility for treating a patient’s Parkinson’s disease or parkinsonism, treats a  
15 patient’s Parkinson’s disease or parkinsonism in this state, that health care  
16 provider or the health care facility that employs or contracts with the health care  
17 provider shall do all of the following:

18 (a) Offer the patient the opportunity to do all of the following:

19 1. Review any informational materials developed by the Population Health  
20 Institute about the Parkinson’s disease registry.

21 2. Speak with and ask questions of their health care provider about the  
22 Parkinson’s disease registry.

23 3. Affirmatively decline, in writing, to participate in the collection of data for  
24 purposes of the Parkinson’s disease registry.

1 (b) Except as provided in par. (d), report the information specified in the list  
2 under s. 36.47 (3) (d) about the patient's case to the Population Health Institute in  
3 the format prescribed by the Population Health Institute under s. 36.47 (3) (c).

4 (c) Notify the patient orally and in writing about the reporting requirement  
5 under par. (b).

6 (d) If the patient affirmatively declines in writing to participate in the  
7 collection of data for purposes of the Parkinson's disease registry, report only the  
8 incident of the patient's Parkinson's disease or parkinsonism to the Population  
9 Health Institute in the format prescribed by the Population Health Institute under  
10 s. 36.47 (3) (c).

11 (3) CONFIDENTIALITY. Any information reported to the Population Health  
12 Institute under sub. (2) that could identify an individual who is the subject of the  
13 report or a health care provider submitting the report is confidential. Confidential  
14 information obtained or reported in compliance with sub. (2) is not available for  
15 subpoena and may not be disclosed, discoverable, or compelled to be produced in any  
16 civil, criminal, administrative, or other proceeding. Confidential information  
17 obtained or reported in compliance with sub. (2) is not admissible as evidence in any  
18 civil, criminal, administrative, or other tribunal or court for any reason.

19 (4) RESPONSIBILITY. A health care facility that employs or contracts with a  
20 health care provider diagnosing a patient with, or treating a patient with,  
21 Parkinson's disease or a parkinsonism is ultimately responsible for meeting the  
22 requirements under sub. (2).

23 **SECTION 9147. Nonstatutory provisions; University of Wisconsin**  
24 **System.**

1 (1) FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR A STATEWIDE PARKINSON’S DISEASE REGISTRY.  
2 From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the Board of Regents of the  
3 University of Wisconsin System shall allocate in fiscal year 2025-26, at least  
4 \$3,900,000, and in fiscal year 2026-27, at least \$2,400,000, to establish the  
5 statewide Parkinson’s disease registry under s. 36.47.”.

6 **20.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

7 “**SECTION 37.** 39.395 (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

8 **39.395 (title) Financial assistance for educators in nursing, allied**  
9 **health, behavioral health, and dentistry.**

10 **SECTION 38.** 39.395 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 39.395 (1) (intro.) and  
11 amended to read:

12 39.395 (1) (intro.) In this section, ~~“institution;~~

13 (e) “Institution of higher education” means an institution or college campus  
14 within the University of Wisconsin System, a technical college within the technical  
15 college system, or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in this  
16 state.

17 **SECTION 39.** 39.395 (1) (a) to (e) of the statutes are created to read:

18 39.395 (1) (a) “Allied health professional” has the meaning given in s. 146.616  
19 (1) (ag).

20 (b) “Behavioral health provider” has the meaning given in s. 257.01 (1).

21 (c) “Dental assistant” means an individual who holds a certified dental  
22 assistant credential issued by a national credentialing organization.

23 (d) “Dentistry professional” means a dental assistant, a dental hygienist

1 licensed under s. 447.04 (2), a dental therapist licensed under s. 447.04 (1m), or a  
2 dentist as defined in s. 447.01 (7).

3 (e) “Faculty” means individuals that are employed as faculty in either a full-  
4 time or a part-time capacity at an institution of higher education.

5 **SECTION 40.** 39.395 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

6 39.395 (2) (am) Fellowships for students who enroll in an institution of higher  
7 education’s masters or doctoral program that trains students for practice as an  
8 allied health professional, a behavioral health provider, or a dentistry professional.

9 **SECTION 41.** 39.395 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

10 39.395 (2) (bm) Postdoctoral fellowships to recruit institution of higher  
11 education faculty for programs that train students to be allied health professionals,  
12 behavioral health providers, or dentistry professionals.

13 **SECTION 42.** 39.395 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

14 39.395 (2) (cm) Educational loan repayment assistance to recruit and retain  
15 institution of higher education faculty for programs that train students to be allied  
16 health professionals, behavioral health providers, or dentistry professionals.

17 **SECTION 43.** 39.395 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 39.395 (3) The program established under sub. (2) shall require individuals  
19 who receive fellowships under sub. (2) (a) ~~or, (am), (b), or (bm)~~ or assistance under  
20 sub. (2) (c) or (cm) to make a commitment to teach for at least 3 consecutive years in  
21 a nursing program at an institution of higher education or in an institution of  
22 higher education’s program that trains students to be allied health professionals,  
23 behavioral health providers, or dentistry professionals.

24 **SECTION 9220. Fiscal changes; Higher Educational Aids Board.**

1           (1) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for  
2           the appropriation to the higher educational aids board under s. 20.235 (1) (co), the  
3           dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$2,000,000 and the dollar  
4           amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$2,000,000.”.

5           **21.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

6           “**SECTION 44.** 15.67 of the statutes is renumbered 15.105 (36), and 15.105 (36)  
7           (title), (a) (intro.) and (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:

8           15.105 **(36)** (title) HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD;~~CREATION~~. (a) (intro.)  
9           There is created a higher educational aids board ~~consisting, attached to the~~  
10          department of administration under s. 15.03. The board shall consist of the state  
11          superintendent of public instruction and the following members appointed for 3-  
12          year terms, except that the members specified under ~~pars. (a) 5. subds. 1. e. and 6.~~  
13          f. and (b) 3. 2. c. shall be appointed for 2-year terms:

14          (b) If a student member under ~~sub. (1) par. (a)~~ loses the status upon which the  
15          appointment was based, he or she shall cease to be a member of the higher  
16          educational aids board upon appointment to the higher educational aids board of a  
17          qualified successor.

18          **SECTION 45.** 15.675 (title) of the statutes is repealed.

19          **SECTION 46.** 15.675 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 15.105 (37), and 15.105  
20          (37) (intro.), as renumbered, is amended to read:

21          15.105 **(37)** DISTANCE LEARNING AUTHORIZATION BOARD. (intro.) There is  
22          created a distance learning authorization board, for higher education, that is

1 attached to the ~~higher educational aids board~~ department of administration under  
2 s. 15.03 and that consists of all of the following members:

3 **SECTION 47.** 20.235 (3) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 48.** 20.235 (3) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 20.505 (4) (g), and  
5 20.505 (4) (g) (title), as renumbered, is amended to read:

6 20.505 (4) (g) (title) ~~General~~ Distance learning authorization board; general  
7 operations.

8 **SECTION 49.** 20.505 (4) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 20.505 (4) (h) *Program services.* The amounts in the schedule to carry out the  
10 responsibilities of divisions, commissions, and boards attached to the department of  
11 administration, other than the board on aging and long-term care, the board for  
12 people with developmental disabilities, the distance learning authorization board,  
13 and the public records board, and to carry out the responsibilities of special and  
14 executive committees. All moneys received from fees which are authorized by law or  
15 administrative rule to be collected by any division, board or commission attached to  
16 the department, other than the board on aging and long-term care, the board for  
17 people with developmental disabilities, the distance learning authorization board,  
18 and the public records board, and all moneys received from fees that are authorized  
19 by law or executive order to be collected by any special or executive committee shall  
20 be credited to this appropriation account and used to carry out the purposes for  
21 which collected.

22 **SECTION 50.** 39.86 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 39.86 (5) FEES. The board may establish reasonable fees to be imposed in  
24 connection with any function or service provided by the board under this section,



1 including fees for authorizing eligible institutions for the offering of distance  
2 education programs. All fees collected by the board shall be credited to the  
3 appropriation account under s. ~~20.235 (3) (g)~~ 20.505 (4) (g).

4 **SECTION 51.** 230.08 (2) (L) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 230.08 **(2)** (L) 4. Higher educational aids board, ~~created under s. 15.67~~  
6 attached to the department of administration under s. 15.03.

7 **SECTION 9201. Fiscal changes; Administration.**

8 (1) MATERIALS AND SERVICES TO STATE AGENCIES; POSITION. In the schedule  
9 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under  
10 s. 20.505 (1) (ka), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$85,200  
11 to increase the authorized FTE positions by 1.0 PR position for administrative  
12 support to the Higher Educational Aids Board. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)  
13 for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (1) (ka),  
14 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$109,600 to provide  
15 funding for the position authorized under this subsection.”.

16 **22.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

17 **“SECTION 9220. Fiscal changes; Higher Educational Aids Board.**

18 (1) WISCONSIN GRANTS TO UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN STUDENTS. In the  
19 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the higher educational aids  
20 board under s. 20.235 (1) (fe), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased  
21 by \$12,378,900 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by  
22 \$12,378,900.

23 (2) WISCONSIN GRANTS TO TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS. In the schedule  
24 under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the higher educational aids board under

1 s. 20.235 (1) (ff), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by  
2 \$10,800,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by  
3 \$10,800,000.

4 (3) WISCONSIN GRANTS TO PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGE STUDENTS. In the  
5 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the higher educational aids  
6 board under s. 20.235 (1) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased  
7 by \$5,701,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by  
8 \$5,701,000.

9 (4) WISCONSIN GRANTS TO TRIBAL COLLEGE STUDENTS. In the schedule under  
10 s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the higher educational aids board under s.  
11 20.235 (1) (km), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$96,400  
12 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2026-27 is increased by \$96,400.”.

13 **23.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

14 “**SECTION 52.** 38.24 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

15 38.24 (**5m**) FEE REMISSION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL MEMBERS. (a) Subject to pars.  
16 (b) and (c), the district board shall grant full remission of program fees under sub.  
17 (1m) (a) to (c) and incidental fees under s. 38.14 (9) to any student enrolled in a  
18 district school who is all of the following:

19 1. A resident of this state, as determined according to the procedures  
20 established under s. 38.22 (4) (a).

21 2. An enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe in this  
22 state.

1 (b) A student is eligible for remission of fees under par. (a) for 128 credits or 8  
2 semesters, whichever is longer.

3 (c) A student is eligible for remission of fees under par. (a) only if the student  
4 maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.

5 **SECTION 53.** 38.24 (5r) of the statutes is created to read:

6 38.24 (5r) FEE REMISSION FOR STUDENT TEACHERS. (a) In this subsection,  
7 “student teacher” means an individual enrolled in a district school who is a resident  
8 of this state, as determined according to the procedures established under s. 38.22  
9 (4) (a), and who is participating in the student teaching component of an educator  
10 preparatory program approved by the state superintendent of public instruction  
11 under s. 115.28 (7) (a).

12 (b) The district board shall grant full remission of program fees under sub.  
13 (1m) (a) to (c) to student teachers during their semester or session of student  
14 teaching.

15 **SECTION 54.** 38.24 (8) (a) 1r. g. of the statutes is created to read:

16 38.24 (8) (a) 1r. g. The person meets the criteria described under s. 45.01 (12)  
17 (fm).

18 **SECTION 55.** 45.01 (12) (fm) of the statutes is created to read:

19 45.01 (12) (fm) A person who resides in this state, if any of the following  
20 applies:

21 1. The person was naturalized pursuant to section 2 (1) of the federal Hmong  
22 Veterans’ Naturalization Act of 2000, P.L. 106-207.

23 2. The person is a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United

1 States and the secretary has determined that the person served honorably with a  
2 special guerrilla unit or irregular forces operating from a base in Laos in support of  
3 the armed forces of the United States at any time during the period beginning  
4 February 28, 1961, and ending September 18, 1978.

5 **SECTION 56.** 45.01 (12) (k) of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 57.** 45.44 (3) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 45.44 (3) (c) (intro.) A veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a) to ~~(f)~~ (fm), or one  
8 of the following:

9 **SECTION 58.** 45.51 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 45.51 (2) (a) 1. A veteran, other than a veteran described under s. 45.01 (12)  
11 (fm).

12 **SECTION 59.** 234.622 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 234.622 (4) (b) A veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a) to ~~(f)~~ (fm), who has  
14 been accepted into the program.

15 **SECTION 60.** 234.625 (4) (b) 9. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 234.625 (4) (b) 9. If the participant is a veteran, as defined in s. 45.01 (12) (a)  
17 to ~~(f)~~ (fm), who is not 65 years of age or older, at a time before any of the events  
18 under subds. 1. to 7. occurs, as determined under policies and procedures  
19 established by the authority.

20 **SECTION 9342. Initial applicability; Technical College System.**

21 (1) FEE REMISSION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL MEMBERS. The treatment of s. 38.24  
22 (5m) first applies to students who enroll for the semester or session following the  
23 effective date of this subsection.

24 (2) FEE REMISSION FOR STUDENT TEACHERS. The treatment of s. 38.24 (5r) first

1 applies to individuals who commence student teaching in the first semester or  
2 session that begins after the effective date of this subsection.”.

3 **24.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

4 “**SECTION 61.** 38.22 (6) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

5 38.22 (6) (e) Any person who is not a citizen of the United States if that person  
6 meets all of the following requirements:

7 1. The person graduated from a high school in this state or received a  
8 declaration of equivalency of high school graduation from this state.

9 2. The person was continuously present in this state for at least 3 years  
10 following the first day of attending a high school in this state or immediately  
11 preceding receipt of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.

12 3. The person enrolls in a district school and provides the district board with  
13 proof that the person has filed or will file an application for lawful permanent  
14 resident status with the U.S. citizenship and immigration services as soon as the  
15 person is eligible to do so.

16 **SECTION 62.** 38.22 (6) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

17 38.22 (6) (g) Any person who meets all of the following requirements:

18 1. The person is a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or  
19 band in this state or is a member of a federally recognized tribe in Minnesota,  
20 Illinois, Iowa, or Michigan.

21 2. The person has resided in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, or  
22 Michigan, or in any combination of these states, for at least 12 months immediately

1 preceding the beginning of any semester or session in which the person enrolls in a  
2 district school.

3 **SECTION 9342. Initial applicability; Technical College System.**

4 (1) NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN UNDOCUMENTED  
5 INDIVIDUALS. The treatment of s. 38.22 (6) (e) first applies to persons who enroll for  
6 the semester or session following the effective date of this subsection.

7 (2) NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL MEMBERS. The  
8 treatment of s. 38.22 (6) (g) first applies to persons who enroll for the semester or  
9 session following the effective date of this subsection.”.

10 (END)