



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1882/P2

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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0494 - Tuition Waiver for Certain Native Americans

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

Fee remission for certain tribal members enrolled in the UW System or a technical college

This bill grants full remission of tuition and fees for certain tribal members who are UW System or technical college students. Under the bill, a student is exempt from academic fees or segregated fees at a UW System institution and from program fees or incidental fees at a technical college if the student is a resident of this state and an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe in this state. The student is eligible for remission of fees for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer, but only if the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.

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:

SECTION 1. 36.27 (3g) of the statutes is created to read:

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

1. A bona fide resident of this state, as determined under sub. (2).
2. An enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe in this state.

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

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

SECTION 2. 38.24 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 9342. Initial applicability; Technical College System.

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

SECTION 9347. Initial applicability; University of Wisconsin System.

(1) FEE REMISSION FOR CERTAIN TRIBAL MEMBERS. The treatment of s. 36.27

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(3g) first applies to students who enroll for the semester or session following the effective date of this subsection.

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