



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 980

February 15, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives SNYDER, SPIROS, EDMING and CALLAHAN, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI and FELZKOWSKI. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 36.25 (58) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring the Board of
2 Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to establish collaborative
3 engineering programs involving the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the
4 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to expand the manufacturing engineering program and the engineering technology program at UW-Stout to allow participation in these programs through a collaboration between UW-Stout and UW-Stevens Point. The Northcentral Technical College may also participate in this collaboration. The collaborative manufacturing engineering program is taught at the Wausau branch campus of UW-Stevens Point. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 36.25 (58) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 36.25 (58) COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS AT UNIVERSITY OF
2 WISCONSIN-STOUT AND UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT. (a) The board shall
3 expand the manufacturing engineering program and the engineering technology
4 program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout to establish program options for
5 participation in these programs through a collaboration between the University of
6 Wisconsin-Stout and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The Northcentral
7 Technical College may also participate in this collaboration.

8 (b) The collaborative manufacturing engineering program under par. (a) shall
9 include all of the following characteristics:

10 1. The program shall be delivered at the Wausau branch campus of the
11 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

12 2. Each student enrolled in the program shall, for the first 2 years in the
13 program, take courses taught at the Wausau branch campus by University of
14 Wisconsin-Stevens Point faculty, and this coursework shall be credited toward the
15 student's associate degree in pre-engineering.

16 3. After a student's first 2 years in the program, the student shall take courses
17 taught at the Wausau branch campus by University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty. If
18 the Northcentral Technical College participates in the program, program courses
19 may also be taught at a campus of the Northcentral Technical College.

20 (c) As part of the collaborative manufacturing engineering program under par.
21 (a), the board shall establish an engineering testing laboratory located at the Wausau
22 branch campus of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

23 (d) The board shall ensure that, if the Northcentral Technical College
24 participates in the collaborative engineering technology program under par. (a), the

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1 established articulation agreements between the Northcentral Technical College
2 and the University of Wisconsin-Stout apply.

3 (e) The board shall ensure that the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the
4 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point jointly market the collaborative programs
5 under par. (a).

6 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

7 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2023.

8 (END)