



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 143

February 24, 2021 - Introduced by Senators BEWLEY, AGARD, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, JOHNSON, LARSON, PFAFF, RINGHAND, ROYS, SMITH and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives HINTZ, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, DRAKE, EMERSON, GOYKE, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, MCGUIRE, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MOORE OMOKUNDE, L. MYERS, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, POPE, RIEMER, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 36.11 (44) and 38.04 (33) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 satisfaction of University of Wisconsin and technical college course
3 requirements through COVID-related activities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires University of Wisconsin institutions and technical colleges to offer students an opportunity to use hours engaged in an eligible activity to satisfy related course requirements to the extent appropriate. An “eligible activity” means volunteering or working, for at least one semester, to assist Wisconsin in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (44) of the statutes is created to read:
5 36.11 (44) SATISFACTION OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS THROUGH CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.
6 (a) In this subsection, “eligible activity” of a student means volunteering or working,

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1 for at least one semester, to assist Wisconsin in responding to the COVID-19
2 pandemic.

3 (b) The board shall ensure that each institution offers students an opportunity
4 to use hours engaged in an eligible activity to satisfy related course requirements to
5 the extent appropriate, as determined by the institution.

6 **SECTION 2.** 38.04 (33) of the statutes is created to read:

7 **38.04 (33) SATISFACTION OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS THROUGH CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.**

8 (a) In this subsection, “eligible activity” of a student means volunteering or working,
9 for at least one semester, to assist Wisconsin in responding to the COVID-19
10 pandemic.

11 (b) The board shall ensure that each district board offers students an
12 opportunity to use hours engaged in an eligible activity to satisfy related course
13 requirements to the extent appropriate, as determined by the district board.

14 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) This act first applies to the first semester beginning after the effective date
16 of this subsection.

17 (END)