

DISCUSSION/ACTION
February 24, 2006

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

BOARD REPORT #06-12

LEGISLATION

BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. Assembly Bill 387

This bill extends eligibility for a nursing student loan to persons enrolled in programs in this state that confer master's degrees in nursing and extends the loan forgiveness requirements under the loan program to loan recipients who are employed full time in this state as nurse educators.

This bill has passed the Assembly, and has passed the Senate Committee on Higher Education and Tourism with a recommendation to approve. It is waiting to be scheduled in the Senate.

2. Assembly Bill 877

This bill, beginning with pupils who are seniors in the 2009-10 school year, limits eligibility for a higher education scholarship to pupils who have earned, or who by the time of graduation are expected to have earned, in the high school grades at least four credits of mathematics and four credits of science.

This bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Education and a hearing was held on January 10. No further action has been taken.

Copies of the bills are provided with this document

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 387

April 27, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives HUNDERTMARK, KRAWCZYK, TOWNSEND, GRONEMUS, M. WILLIAMS, NISCHKE, BOYLE, OTT, MUSSER, WIECKERT, PETTIS, LEHMAN, ALBERS, HAHN, OWENS, KREIBICH, STRACHOTA, HINES, LOTHIAN, BERCEAU, VRUWINK, PETROWSKI, DAVIS, UNDERHEIM, WASSERMAN, FRISKE, SHERIDAN, RHOADES, GUNDERSON, WOOD, MONTGOMERY, SHILLING, SUDER, SEIDEL, VRAKAS, MCCORMICK and CULLEN, cosponsored by Senators STEPP, ROBSON, ROESSLER, CARPENTER, MILLER, RISSER, WIRCH, OLSEN, HANSEN, TAYLOR, HARSDORF, ERPENBACH, LASSA, LAZICH and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 39.393 (3); and **to create** 39.393 (1) (e) of the statutes; **relating**
 2 **to:** eligibility of a person enrolled in a program that confers a master's degree
 3 in nursing for a loan under the Nursing Student Loan Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers a Nursing Student Loan Program (loan program) under which HEAB makes loans to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for persons enrolled in programs in this state that confer associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, or diplomas in nursing or that confer second degrees that will make persons eligible to take the nursing licensure examination. The maximum amount of loans that a person may receive under the loan program during a fiscal year is \$3,000, and the maximum total amount of loans that a person may receive under the loan program is \$15,000. After a loan recipient has completed his or her program of study, HEAB must forgive 25 percent of the loan's principal and interest after the first full year, and 25 percent of the loan's principal and interest after the second full year, that the loan recipient has been employed full time in this state as a nurse.

This bill extends eligibility for a loan under the loan program to persons enrolled in programs in this state that confer master's degrees in nursing and extends the loan forgiveness requirements under the loan program to loan recipients who are employed full time in this state as nurse educators.

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 877

December 9, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives TOWNS, HINES, NASS, GUNDERSON, ALBERS, OWENS, STRACHOTA, GOTTLIEB and NISCHKE, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN and BROWN. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 39.41 (1) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the earning of
2 certain mathematics and science credits as a condition of eligibility for an
3 academic excellence higher education scholarship.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers the Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which HEAB awards scholarships to certain high school seniors, designated on the basis of grade point average, who in the academic year following their senior year enroll, on a full-time basis, in a public or private institution of higher education in this state. Under the program, a higher education scholarship recipient who enrolls in an institution within the University of Wisconsin (UW) System or the Technical College System (TCS) is exempt from all tuition and fees, up to \$2,250 per academic year, for each year, up to four years in the UW System and three years in the TCS, that the recipient is enrolled full time, maintains at least a 3.000 grade point average, and makes satisfactory progress toward an associate or a bachelor's degree.

This bill, beginning with pupils who are seniors in the 2009-10 school year, limits eligibility for a higher education scholarship to pupils who have earned, or who by the time of graduation are expected to have earned, in the high school grades at least four credits of mathematics and four credits of science.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

