



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2003 Assembly Bill 609

Assembly Amendment 2

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Assembly Bill 609 relates to the national guard tuition grant program, which provides reimbursement to eligible national guard members for tuition paid for a full-time or part-time course of study in a qualifying school.

Under *current law* (as affected by Wisconsin Act 33, the 2003-05 Budget Act), a person is eligible for a grant of 100% of actual tuition or 100% of the arithmetic average of resident undergraduate tuition charged by the four-year University of Wisconsin (UW) System institutions for comparable credits, whichever amount is less. Prior to enactment of Act 33, the amount of the tuition reimbursement was equal to the actual tuition charged by the school or 100% of the tuition charged by the UW-Madison for a comparable number of credits, whichever is less.

Assembly Bill 609 reinstates the language that was in effect prior to enactment of Act 33, so that the grant reimbursement would again be 100% of actual tuition or 100% of UW-Madison tuition, whichever is less.

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that a national guard member cannot receive a grant under this program for any semester in which he or she receives a grant under the veterans tuition reimbursement program.

Legislative History

On October 29, 2003, the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs recommended passage of the bill on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0. Subsequently, Representative Terry Musser introduced Assembly Amendment 2 and on November 5, 2003, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 2 and passed the bill, as amended, both on voice votes.

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