



## 1997 SENATE BILL 178

April 23, 1997 - Introduced by Senators WEEDEN, FARROW and BUETTNER, cosponsored by Representatives WALKER, MUSSER, LAZICH, GUNDERSON and SYKORA. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to renumber** 38.24 (5) (a) 1.; **to amend** 36.27 (3m) (b) and 38.24 (5) (b);  
2             and **to create** 36.27 (3m) (a) 1g., 38.24 (5) (a) 1g. and 38.24 (5) (a) 1m. of the  
3             statutes; **relating to:** exempting certain resident students from tuition at the  
4             University of Wisconsin System and at the technical college system.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law provides free tuition at the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to any resident undergraduate student who is enrolled in a bachelor's degree program and who is the child of a correctional officer, fire fighter or law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty in this state. Similarly, current law provides free tuition at the technical college system to any resident student who is enrolled in a program leading to an associate of arts degree, a collegiate transfer program or a vocational diploma program and who is the child of a fire fighter or law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty in this state.

This bill provides that the child of a slain correctional officer is entitled to free tuition at the technical college system under the same conditions as described above. The bill also provides that the child of a slain educator is entitled to free tuition at the UW System and at the technical college system under the same conditions as described above. Under the bill, "educator" means any person employed by a school district who holds a license or permit issued by the state superintendent of public instruction and whose employment requires that he or she hold that license or permit.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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

2           36.27 **(3m)** (a) 1g. “Educator” means any person employed y a school district  
3 who holds a license or permit issued by the state superintendent of public instruction  
4 and whose employment requires that he or she hold that license or permit.

5           **SECTION 2.** 36.27 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           36.27 **(3m)** (b) The board shall grant full remission of fees to any resident  
7 undergraduate student who is enrolled in a bachelor’s degree program and who is the  
8 child of a correctional officer, educator, fire fighter or law enforcement officer who  
9 was killed in the line of duty in this state. The student must be the child of a  
10 correctional officer, educator, fire fighter or law enforcement officer who was so killed  
11 when the child was under the age of 21 or before the child was born.

12           **SECTION 3.** 38.24 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 38.24 (5) (a) 1s.

13           **SECTION 4.** 38.24 (5) (a) 1g. of the statutes is created to read:

14           38.24 **(5)** (a) 1g. “Correctional officer” has the meaning give in s. 102.475 (8) (a).

15           **SECTION 5.** 38.24 (5) (a) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

16           38.24 **(5)** (a) 1m. “Educator” means any person employed by a school district  
17 who holds a license or permit issued by the state superintendent of public instruction  
18 and whose employment requires that he or she hold that license or permit.

19           **SECTION 6.** 38.24 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           38.24 **(5)** (b) The district board shall grant full remission of fees under sub. (1m)  
21 (a) and (b) to any resident student who is enrolled in a program leading to an

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1     associate of arts degree, a collegiate transfer program or a vocational diploma  
2     program and who is the child of a correctional officer, educator, fire fighter or law  
3     enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty in this state. The student must  
4     be the child of a correctional officer, educator, fire fighter or law enforcement officer  
5     who was so killed when the child was under the age of 21 or before the child was born.

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