LRB-1495/2 MJL:wlj:pg

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 239

March 16, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Kreibich, Hundertmark, Shilling, Gronemus, Kerkman, Cullen, Suder, Pocan, Nass, Colon, Ott, Petrowski, Musser, Wood, Freese, Albers, Jeskewitz, F. Lasee and Townsend, cosponsored by Senators Harsdorf, Stepp, Zien, A. Lasee and Reynolds. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

AN ACT relating to: two-year limit on increases in undergraduate resident tuition and nondiscretionary segregated fees at the University of Wisconsin System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System (UW System) may not increase resident undergraduate tuition beyond an amount sufficient to fund all of the following: (1) in an odd-numbered year, the highest amount shown in the appropriation schedule for the tuition appropriation for that year in the Joint Finance Committee version of the budget bill, the engrossed budget bill, or the enrolled budget bill; (2) in an even-numbered year, the amount shown in the appropriation schedule for the tuition appropriation; (3) the approved recommendations of the director of the Office of State Employment Relations for compensation and fringe benefits for staff; (4) projected losses of revenue caused by enrollment declines; (5) certain state-imposed costs; (6) nontraditional courses; and (7) differential tuition.

For each year of the 2005-07 fiscal biennium, this bill suspends these restrictions and instead limits any increase in UW System resident undergraduate tuition and nondiscretionary segregated fees to 3 percent.

ASSEMBLY BILL 239

1

2

3

4

5

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:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Notwithstanding section 36.27 (1) (am) of the statutes, for each year of the 2005–07 fiscal biennium, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System may not increase the sum of academic fees and nondiscretionary segregated fees for resident undergraduate students by more than 3 percent.

6 (END)