



2005 SENATE BILL 370

October 7, 2005 - Introduced by Senators BROWN, OLSEN, A. LASEE, DARLING and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives LOTHIAN, KRAWCZYK, GRONEMUS, FIELDS, ALBERS, HINES, MUSSER, JENSEN, AINSWORTH, KESTELL, PETTIS, GUNDERSON, BERCEAU, BIES, WOOD and DAVIS. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 39.41 (2) (b); and **to create** 39.41 (1) (c) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** eligibility of a student enrolled in a 2-year, full-time vocational
3 diploma program at a technical college for an academic excellence higher
4 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 scholars, designated on the basis of grade point average, who 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 extends eligibility for a higher education scholarship to a scholar enrolled in a two-year, full-time vocational diploma program, which is a program in an area designated and approved by the TCS Board for which the course requirements are established by the TCS Board.

