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2005 SENATE BILL 661

March 7, 2006 – Introduced by Senators Darling and Plale, cosponsored by Representatives Musser, Albers and Jeskewitz. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

AN ACT to amend 14.65 (1), 20.585 (2) (t) (title), 20.585 (2) (tm) (title), 25.17 (1) (ax), 25.17 (2) (f) and 25.85; and to create 20.585 (2) (u), 20.585 (2) (um), 20.585 (2) (v), 20.585 (2) (vm), 25.14 (1) (a) 15b., 25.14 (1) (a) 15d., 25.17 (1) (ay), 25.17 (1) (az), 25.853 and 25.855 of the statutes; relating to: the establishment of a college savings program bank deposit trust fund and a college savings program credit union deposit trust fund and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the College Savings Program Board (board) administers a college savings program, commonly referred to as "EdVest," under which a person may establish and contribute money to a college savings account to cover the college expenses of a beneficiary. As part of EdVest, current law establishes a college savings program trust fund, consisting of all revenue from enrollment fees for and contributions to college savings accounts and from distributions and fees paid by the vendors of those accounts.

This bill establishes a college savings program bank deposit trust fund, consisting of all revenue from enrollment fees for and contributions to college savings accounts in which the investment instrument is an account held by a state or national bank, a state or federal savings bank, a state or federal savings and loan association, or a savings and trust company that has its main or home office or a branch office located in this state and that is insured by the Federal Deposit

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Insurance Corporation, and all revenue from distributions and fees paid by the vendors of those investment instruments. The bill also establishes a college savings program credit union deposit trust fund, consisting of all revenue from enrollment fees for and contributions to college savings accounts in which the investment instrument is an account held by a state or federal credit union, including a corporate central credit union, that has its main or home office or a branch office located in this state and that is insured by the National Credit Union Administration, and all revenue from distributions and fees paid by the vendors of those investment instruments.

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. 14.65 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14.65 (1) The secretary of administration shall transfer from the tuition trust fund or, the college savings program trust fund, the college savings program bank deposit trust fund, or the college savings program credit union deposit trust fund to the general fund an amount equal to the amount expended from the appropriations under s. 20.505 (9) (a), 1995 stats., s. 20.585 (2) (a), 2001 stats., and s. 20.585 (2) (am), 2001 stats., when the secretary of administration determines that funds in the tuition trust fund or the college savings program trust fund those trust funds are sufficient to make the transfer. The secretary of administration may make the transfer in installments.

Section 2. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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20.585 Treasurer, state

(2) College Tuition and Expenses and College

16 SAVINGS PROGRAMS

		2005-06	2006-07	
1	(um) Administrative expenses; college			
2	savings program bank deposit			
3	trust fund SEG A	-0-	-0-	
4	(vm) Administrative expenses; college			
5	savings program credit union			
6	deposit trust fund SEG A	-0-	-0-	
7	Section 3. 20.585 (2) (t) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:			
8	20.585 (2) (t) (title) Payment of qualified higher education expenses and			
9	refunds; college savings program <u>trust fund</u> .			
10	Section 4. 20.585 (2) (tm) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:			
11	20.585 (2) (tm) (title) Administrative expenses; college savings program \underline{trust}			
12	<u>fund</u> .			
13	SECTION 5. 20.585 (2) (u) of the statutes is created to read:			
14	20.585 (2) (u) Payment of qualified higher education expenses and refunds;			
15	college savings program bank deposit trust fund. From the college savings program			
16	bank deposit trust fund, a sum sufficient for the payment of qualified higher			
17	education expenses and refunds under s. 14.64 (2) and (3).			
18	Section 6. 20.585 (2) (um) of the statutes is created to read:			
19	20.585 (2) (um) Administrative expenses; college savings program bank deposit			
20	trust fund. From the college savings program bank deposit trust fund, the amounts			
21	in the schedule for the administrative expenses of the college savings program under			
22	s. 14.64, including the expense of promoting the program.			
23	Section 7. 20.585 (2) (v) of the statutes is created to read:			

20.585 (2) (v) Payment of qualified higher education expenses and refunds;			
college savings program credit union deposit trust fund. From the college savings			
program credit union deposit trust fund, a sum sufficient for the payment of qualified			
higher education expenses and refunds under s. 14.64 (2) and (3).			
Section 8. 20.585 (2) (vm) of the statutes is created to read:			
$20.585~(2)~(\mathrm{vm})~Administrative~expenses;~college~savings~program~credit~union$			
deposit trust fund. From the college savings program credit union deposit trust fund,			
the amounts in the schedule for the administrative expenses of the college savings			
program under s. 14.64, including the expense of promoting the program.			
Section 9. 25.14 (1) (a) 15b. of the statutes is created to read:			
25.14 (1) (a) 15b. The college savings program bank deposit trust fund.			
Section 10. 25.14 (1) (a) 15d. of the statutes is created to read:			
25.14 (1) (a) 15d. The college savings program credit union deposit trust fund.			
Section 11. 25.17 (1) (ax) of the statutes is amended to read:			
25.17 (1) (ax) College savings program trust fund (s. 25.85), but subject to s.			
25.17 <u>sub.</u> (2) (f);			
Section 12. 25.17 (1) (ay) of the statutes is created to read:			
25.17 (1) (ay) College savings program bank deposit trust fund (s. 25.853), but			
subject to sub. (2) (f);			
Section 13. 25.17 (1) (az) of the statutes is created to read:			
25.17 (1) (az) College savings program credit union deposit trust fund (s.			
25.855), but subject to sub. (2) (f);			
Section 14. 25.17 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:			
25.17 (2) (f) Invest the moneys belonging to the college savings program trust			

fund, the college savings program bank deposit trust fund, and the college savings

program credit union deposit trust fund in a manner consistent with the guidelines established under s. 14.64 (2) (c), unless the moneys are under the management and control of a vendor selected under s. 16.255. In making investments under this paragraph, the investment board shall accept any reasonable terms and conditions that the college savings program board specifies and is relieved of any obligations relevant to prudent investment of the fund, including the standard of responsibility under s. 25.15 (2).

Section 15. 25.85 of the statutes is amended to read:

25.85 College savings program trust fund. There is established a separate nonlapsible trust fund designated as the college savings program trust fund, consisting of all revenue from enrollment fees for and contributions to college savings accounts under s. 14.64 and from distributions and fees paid by the vendor under s. 16.255 (3) other than revenue from those sources that is deposited in the college savings program bank deposit trust fund or the college savings program credit union deposit trust fund.

Section 16. 25.853 of the statutes is created to read:

25.853 College savings program bank deposit trust fund. There is established a separate nonlapsible trust fund designated as the college savings program bank deposit trust fund, consisting of all revenue from enrollment fees for and contributions to college savings accounts under s. 14.64 in which the investment instrument is an account held by a state or national bank, a state or federal savings bank, a state or federal savings and loan association, or a savings and trust company that has its main office or home office or a branch office in this state and that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and all revenue from

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distributions and fees paid by the vendors of those investment instruments under s. 16.255 (3).

SECTION 17. 25.855 of the statutes is created to read:

25.855 College savings program credit union deposit trust fund. There is established a separate nonlapsible trust fund designated as the college savings program credit union deposit trust fund, consisting of all revenue from enrollment fees for and contributions to college savings accounts under s. 14.64 in which the investment instrument is an account held by a state or federal credit union, including a corporate central credit union organized under s. 186.32, that has its main office or home office or a branch office located in this state and that is insured by the National Credit Union Administration, and all revenue from distributions and fees paid by the vendors of those investment instruments under s. 16.255 (3).

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