



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 649

October 22, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, EMERSON, SHELTON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, CABRERA, CONLEY, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, MCGUIRE, B. MEYERS, MILROY, L. MYERS, NEUBAUER, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, VINING, VRUWINK, BROSTOFF, SUBECK and STUBBS, cosponsored by Senators SMITH, LARSON, AGARD, JOHNSON and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** funding for Wisconsin grants for University of Wisconsin
2 System students and technical college students, special education funding, and
3 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases funding for Wisconsin grants for University of Wisconsin System students and technical college students and also increases special education funding.

Under current law, the Wisconsin grant program, administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board, provides grants to postsecondary resident students enrolled at least half time and registered as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors in specified postsecondary institutions, including UW institutions and technical colleges.

The bill increases HEAB's biennial appropriation for Wisconsin grants for UW students by \$2,300,000 in each year of the 2021-23 fiscal biennium and for technical college students by \$11,800,000 in each year of the 2021-23 fiscal biennium.

The bill also provides additional funding for special education aid the Department of Public Instruction pays to school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative educational service agencies, and county children with disabilities education boards, for purposes of maintaining compliance with maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act and the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

