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Bill Number	Subject	Status	UW System position
AB 3	Prohibits state agencies from filling more than 80 percent of the total number of full-time vacancies, regardless of funding source.	Passed Assembly. Died in the Senate.	Opposed
Pettis - R			
AB 41 & SB 58	Permits a K-12 educational agency to refuse to employ or to terminate from employment an unpardoned felon.	Vetoed	Monitored
Petrowski - R Darling - R			
AB 57	Eliminates the current law that requires the Board of Regents and the Department of Administration to negotiate an agreement with the public utility that provides electric service to the UW-Madison campus to construct a centralized cogeneration facility at the campus for the purpose of providing electricity.	Included in the '03-05 budget bill that authorized PR bonding of \$90,000,000 for constructing a 150 megawatt co-generation facility.	Monitored
Black - D			
AB 66	Requires all persons admitted to the University of Wisconsin Medical School to take the Medical College Admission Test.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
Wasserman - D			
AB 74	Provides for \$25 tuition voucher at UW or technical college for students who sound Taps at military honors funerals.	Act 42	Support
Musser - R			
AB 79	Allows Wisconsin's private colleges and universities to issue state tax-exempt bonds.	Act 109	Neutral
Wieckert - R			
AB 95	Allows an alien who is not a legal permanent resident of the United States to pay resident, tuition if: (1) he or she graduated from a Wisconsin high school or received a GED, (2) resided in Wisconsin for at least one year before attending high school; and 3) enrolls in a UW System institution and provides the institution with an affidavit stating that he or she has filed or will file an application for permanent residency with the INS as soon as the person is eligible to do so.	Died in the Assembly.	Neutral
Colon - D			

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AB 104 Kestell - R	Prohibits human cloning and parthenogenesis; attempting to perform human cloning or parthenogenesis; transferring or acquiring a human embryo produced by human cloning or parthenogenesis, and any embryo, cell, tissue, or product derived from a human embryo produced by human cloning or parthenogenesis.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
AB 173 Loeffelholz - R	Increases the authorized general fund supported borrowing authority of the state by \$4,900,000 for the purpose of constructing a veterinary diagnostic laboratory located at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The bill also increases the amount enumerated for the laboratory under the 2001-03 authorized state building program from \$20,000,000 to \$24,900,000.	Adopted in budget bill, so no need for separate legislation.	Monitored
AB 183 & SB 153 Towns - R Harsdorf - R	As amended, allows a local school district to limit to 18 the number of postsecondary credits the district may fund per pupil. Allows students to take no more than two semesters of postsecondary schooling after he/she began the 12 th grade. The bill also removes the mandate that technical colleges are to accept youth options students before regular technical college students are accepted.	Act 131	Oppose, unless amended
AB 207 Kreibich - R	Prohibits smoking in, and within 25 feet of, UW System residence halls and dormitories. The bill also provides that no person may designate smoking areas in or around these residence halls and dormitories.	Act 268	Neutral
AB 208 & SB 85 Kreibich - R Schultz - R	Increases the number of Regents of the UW System to 18. The original bill would have added two regents and made the appointments on a regional basis (to line up with the 16 technical college districts). That provision was dropped and the amended bill would add a governor-appointed non-traditional student at least 24 years old to the board that represents the views of non-traditional students, such as those who are employed or who are parents. The existing traditional student and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction would remain on the board.	Died in the Assembly.	Neutral. Supported vote on amended bill

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Bill Number	Subject	Status	UW System position
AB 209 Kreibich - R	Income tax deduction for college savings account	Act 289	Monitored
AB 233 Loeffelholz - R	Eliminates the Youth Options Program.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
AB 246 Sherman - D	Imposes a fine of up to \$250,000 to \$500,000 or sentence to a term of imprisonment of up to ten years or both for anyone engaging in or attempting to engage in human cloning. Additional penalties are imposed in cases of monetary gain obtained from cloning.	Died in the Assembly.	Support
AB 264 Richards - D	Limits student parking in neighborhoods near UW-Milwaukee. It permits the City of Milwaukee to enact an ordinance permitting only persons who live on a highway to obtain a parking permit from the city and pay a fee to park near their homes.	Died in the Assembly.	Amend
AB 342 Kreibich - R	Makes ineligible a college student who is convicted of possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute, or deliver, a controlled substance for a state grant, loan, or work assistance for a period of two years following the conviction.	Died in the Senate.	Neutral
AB 344 & SB 172 Kreibich - R Schultz - R	This bill originally required college students who live in residence halls or dormitories to be immunized against hepatitis B and meningitis. Amendments were passed to require college students who live in residence halls or dormitories to sign a statement acknowledging that they have received information about meningococcal disease and hepatitis B. Students must also specify whether they have received these immunizations.	Act 61	Support with amendments
AB 366 Bies - R	Requires the Board of Regents to accept all credits transferred within the UW System, including credits transferred between two-year UW System colleges, and all credits transferred from the technical college system. The bill also requires each technical college district board to accept credits transferred from another technical college district or from a UW System institution.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose

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AB 377 J. Wood - R	Current law authorizes the Board of Regents to reassign faculty for the improvement of their teaching, research or public service for up to one year while being paid their ordinary salary, funded by general purpose revenue if they have completed six or more years of teaching in the system. This bill requires, instead, that paid sabbatical leave be funded by gifts and grants.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
AB 403 Wieckert - R	Regulates athlete agents who represent student athletes.	Act 150	Support
AB 406 Musser - R	Amends current law to extend tuition refunds, re-enrollment options and/or receipt of an incomplete for a course from which s/he had to withdraw to Wisconsin residents who are members of the National Guard of any state or reserve unit of the U. S. Armed Forces called to active duty.	Died in the Senate.	Support
AB 408 Musser - R	Prohibits discrimination in housing, public education, the equal enjoyment of public places of accommodation, and the granting of credit based on military status.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
AB 444 & SB 214 Gunderson - R Zien - R	Permits a person to go armed with a concealed and dangerous weapon in certain areas. The bill defines concealed weapon to include handguns, stunguns, tear gas guns, knives, or billy clubs. UW System has consistently supported an exemption for university properties (just like K-12 schools) to ensure the protection and safety of UW students. The latest version exempted university buildings from the provisions of the concealed weapons bill, it does not include university "grounds." The UW System opposed the bills on this point. The bill specifies ten criteria that could disqualify license applicants. The bill also requires background checks.	The Senate companion bill was vetoed.	Oppose
AB 497 & SB 247 Jeskewitz - R	Allows UW System institutions to provide students with information on sexual assault and sexual harassment in electronic format instead of printed material. The information would continue to be presented orally during orientation programs for	Act 149	Support

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Harsdorf - R	new students.		
AB 503 & SB 242	Increases enrollment at UW- Parkside charter school.	Vetoed	Monitored
Ladwig - R			
AB 532	Requires the Joint Finance Committee to approve of Executive Salary Ranges before implementation.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
Suder - R			
AB 540	Requires this code to be promulgated by rule and require each faculty member to annually report to the system income received from any source other than the UW System resulting from professional responsibilities or expertise of the individual as a member of the faculty, including income from the patents, royalties, honorariums, consulting services, and grants. The bill directs the Regents to post on the Internet all reports received from members of the faculty. The bill also directs the state Ethics Board to maintain or participate in the Internet site. In addition, the bill provides that if the Regents fails to post on the Internet the information by January 1, 2006, the Ethics Board must post the information on the Internet and charge the Regents reasonable costs. Currently, the Board of Regents establishes a code of ethics for unclassified personnel of the system that are not subject to the statutory code of ethics for state public officials and employees.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
Albers - R			
AB 543 & SB 266	Requires new notice requirements for public meetings held by all units within the University of Wisconsin System. This requirement would have included noticing faculty and departmental meetings in the state's official newspaper.	Died in the Senate.	Oppose
Suder - R			

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Bill Number	Subject	Status	UW System position
AB 558 Rhoades - R	Requires the UW Board of Regents to vote by roll call on all matters.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
AB 609 & SB 283 Suder - R Jauch - D	Reinstates the determination of the amount of National Guard tuition reimbursement as it existed before the 2003-05 biennial budget bill. Before the budget bill, the amount of the tuition reimbursement was equal to the actual tuition charged by the school or 100% of UW-Madison tuition for a comparable number of credits, whichever was lower. Under the budget bill, the average of all the UW four-year institutions is used instead. This returns to using UW-Madison tuition in the formula.	Both bills died in the Senate.	Support
AB 667 Nass - R	Allows an individual income tax deduction for certain amounts contributed to any section 529 college tuition program.	Died in the Assembly	Monitored
AB 674 Jeskewitz - R	Allows certain annuitants under the Wisconsin Retirement System who become employed by the state to have health care premiums paid for by the state.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
AB 683 Montgomery - R	Permits the Department of Administration (DOA) to select more than one vendor of EdVest.	Died in the Senate.	Monitored
AB 686 Law Revision Committee	Technical changes that include membership of the State Laboratory of Hygiene Board; nonresident tuition exemption for veterans; and the transfer program at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.	Died in the Senate.	Support
AB 712 & SB 319 Shilling - D Hansen - D	Creates a Manufacturing Competitiveness Grant Program (administered by a Manufacturing Competitiveness Board created under the bill) that provides \$9,500,000 of general purpose revenue to fund grants under the program. Under the bill, the board may make grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the Technical College System Board, and certain entities that assist manufacturers.	AB 712 died in the Assembly. SB 319 died in the Senate.	Monitored

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Bill Number	Subject	Status	UW System position
AB 741 Hubler - D	Income tax deductions for 529 programs	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
AB 757 Ward- R	Increases UW Hospital Bonding from \$175 million to \$235 million.	Act 146	Support
AB 761 Pocan - D	Requires all contractual services purchased by executive branch agencies to be performed within the United States.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose/Amend
AB 766 Wood, J - R	Allows UW police to make arrests outside of UW jurisdiction with the permission of local law enforcement and the Board of Regents.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
AB 799 Krawczyk - R	Grants a nonresident tuition exemption to a dependent of an active member of the armed forces if the member of the armed forces is eligible for Wisconsin veterans' benefits.	Died in the Senate.	Support
AB 813 Stone- R	Prohibits University of Wisconsin System administrators from serving on the board of directors of corporations which do substantial business with the university.	Died in the Assembly.	Oppose
AB 826 Plouff - D	Exempts UW System, cities, villages, towns, counties, school districts and technical college districts from motor vehicle fuel tax.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
AB 830 & SB 437 Towns - R Schultz - R	The Rock County Engineering Initiative was included in the 2003-05 biennial budget through Rep. David Ward (R-Fort Atkinson) and Rep. Dan Schooff (D-Beloit). The initiative proposed a joint engineering program between UW-Rock County and UW-Platteville and would have met a specific need for additional engineering expertise in the Rock County region.	AB 830 vetoed. SB 437 died in the Senate.	Support
AB 835 Schneider - D	Requires any person who owns or operates a locker room in the state to adopt a written policy on the use of recording devices in the locker room; includes camera, audio or video recorder or device that may be used to record or transfer sounds or images.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored

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AB 869 Pettis - R	Grants a nonresident tuition exemption to a person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces in one of specified war periods or crises, who is a resident of Wisconsin for purposes of receiving veterans benefits, and whose home of record at the time of entry or reentry into active service was in this state.	Act 185	Support
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AB 929 Kaufert - R	Provides for loan forgiveness for teachers employed by low-income school districts	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
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AB 950 Huber - D	Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to establish a program of gift certificates for the payment of tuition at the UW System. The individual named in a gift certificate may use the certificate to pay all or a portion of his or her tuition at any UW campus or for a UW study-abroad program. The gift certificate expires after two years and is not transferable except to a parent, child, spouse, or sibling.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
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[AB 956](#)

1. Requires an instructor to approve or deny a request to add a course within 5 days of the request.
2. Requires an instructor teaching a class with only one examination to provide a week of study time before the examination.
3. Requires the suspension of all parking rules for the week preceding and following each semester.
4. Allows students to evaluate deans and associate deans.
5. Requires grades to be submitted no later than 10 days after the final examination for the course.
6. Prohibits an instructor from requiring students to purchase or use a text the instructor has authored for the course without obtaining the approval of the student government.
7. Requires the chancellor to revoke tenure of a faculty member or deduct six months' pay for an untenured instructor whose academic advising causes a student to be enrolled at least one semester more than he or she otherwise would have been.
8. Prohibits an instructor from requiring students to complete a course evaluation until after the final examination is given.
9. Requires by the 2012 academic year, audio or video recordings of all lectures and sessions to be made available to students on the Internet.
10. Requires an instructor who adopts a policy of reducing the grades of a student due to illness resulting in absenteeism to state that policy in writing and permits a student to appeal any decision based on the policy to the appropriate dean.
11. Requires an instructor to excuse the absence of a student whose family member, fiance, or fiancée dies or becomes extremely ill and to allow a student to take any examination missed because of the funeral of a family member, fiance, or fiancée.
12. Requires an instructor to meet with a parent or guardian who requests to speak with the instructor concerning the academic performance of his or her child no later than one week after the request, unless mutually agreed to otherwise, if the child grants written permission.
13. Limits the work day of a medical intern to 16 hours and prohibits the Board of Regents from entering into a contract that grants naming rights to a UW arena, playing field, or stadium.
14. Directs the DPI, the Board of Regents, and Tech

Died in the Assembly.

Monitored

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Schneider - D	College Board to adopt maximum weight standards for textbooks used by pupils and students.		
AB 977	Requires energy for state agencies facilities to attain a level of at least 10 percent of renewable resources by January 1, 2006, and a level of at least 20 percent by January 1, 2010.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
Jensen - R			
AR 42 & SR 32	Resolution requesting state agencies to pursue more federal funding.	Died in the Assembly. Companion SR 32 died in the Senate.	Monitored
Wood, J - R Zien - R			
SB 45 & AB 104	Prohibits human cloning and parthenogenesis; attempting to perform human cloning or parthenogenesis; transferring or acquiring a human embryo produced by human cloning or parthenogenesis, and any embryo, cell, tissue, or product derived from a human embryo produced by human cloning or parthenogenesis.	AB 104 died in the Assembly. SB 45 died in the Senate.	Opposed
Kestell - R Leibham - R			
SB 58 & AB 41	Permits an educational agency to refuse to employ or to terminate from employment an unparoled felon	Passed Senate Judiciary Committee. Companion vetoed.	Monitored
Petrowski - R Darling - R			
SB 85 & AB 208	Increases the number of Regents of the UW System to 18. The original bill would have added two regents and made the appointments on a regional basis (to line up with the 16 technical college districts). That provision was dropped and the amended bill would add a governor-appointed non-traditional student at least 24 years old to the board that represents the views of non-traditional students, such as those who are employed or who are parents. The existing traditional student and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction would remain on the board.	Both bills died in the Assembly.	Monitored
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Harsdorf - R			

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Towns - R	regular technical college students are accepted.		
SB 162 Roessler - R	Provides that a pupil may take no more than two courses under the Youth Option Program. The 15-credit limitation is eliminated.	Died in the Senate.	Monitored
SB 166 Risser - D	Allows Teaching Assistants (TAs) and Program Assistants (PAs) to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System.	Died in the Senate.	Monitored
SB 172 & AB 344 Schultz - R Kreibich - R	This bill originally required college students who live in residence halls or dormitories to be immunized against hepatitis B and meningitis. Amendments were passed to require college students who live in residence halls or dormitories to sign a statement acknowledging that they have received information about meningococcal disease and hepatitis B. Students must also specify whether they have received these immunizations.	Act 61	Support with amendments
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SB 247 & AB 497 Harsdorf - R Jeskewitz - R	Allows UW System institutions to provide students with information on sexual assault and sexual harassment in electronic format instead of printed material. The information would continue to be presented orally during orientation programs for new students.	Act 149	Neutral

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SB 253 Darling - R Jensen - R	Current law permits the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the city of Milwaukee to operate charter schools directly or to contract for the operation of charter schools. Only pupils who reside in the school district in which an independent charter school is located may attend the charter school. As amended, this bill allows four more four-year institutions or two-year college campus within the University of Wisconsin System to operate or to contract for the operation of a charter school with the approval of the Board of Regents.	Vetoed.	Neutral
SB 266 Reynolds - R Suder - R	Requires the departmental committees, subcommittees, or similar bodies within the University of Wisconsin System to provide official notice of public meetings.	Died in the Senate.	Oppose
SB 268 Darling - R	This bill creates a non-refundable income tax and franchise tax credit for businesses that pay tuition for an individual to attend a university, college, or technical college. The credit is an amount equal to: 1) 50% of the tuition paid by a business for an individual in a taxable year, if the individual is enrolled in a degree-granting program; and 2) 75% percent of the tuition paid by a business for an individual if the individual's taxable income is 185% of the federal poverty line or less.	Died in the Senate.	Support
SB 294 Law Revision Committee	Remedial legislation suggested by the Higher Educational Aids Board relating to administration of student financial aid programs.	Passed the Senate.	Monitored
SB 297 Kanavas - R	This bill makes many changes relating to management of state government, land information and state printed publications.	Died in the Assembly.	Monitored
SB 319 & AB 712	Creates a Manufacturing Competitiveness Grant Program (administered by a newly-created Manufacturing Competitiveness Board) that provides \$9.5 million GPR to fund grants under the program. The board may make grants to the Board	SB 319 died in the Senate. AB 712 died in the Assembly.	Monitored

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Hansen -D Shilling - D	of Regents, the Technical College System Board, and certain entities that assist manufacturers.		
SB 342 Hansen - D	Requires the president and chancellors of the University of Wisconsin System to obtain Ethics Board approval before accepting corporate board compensation.	Died in the Senate.	Monitored
SB 346 Kedzie - R	Allows an individual income tax deduction for certain amounts contributed to any section 529 college tuition program.	Died in the Senate.	Monitored
SB 360 Employment Relations	Ratifies the agreement negotiated between the state of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Graduate Assistants Association, AFT/WFT, Local 2169, AFL-CIO, for the 2003-05 biennium, covering employees in the program, project, and teaching assistants of the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee collective bargaining unit.	Act 115	Support
SB 388 & AB 757 Darling - R Ward - R	Increases UW Hospital Bonding from \$175 million to \$235 million.	Act 146	Support
SB 437 & AB 830 Schultz - R Towns - R	The Rock County Engineering Initiative was included in the 2003-05 biennial budget through Rep. David Ward (R-Fort Atkinson) and Rep. Dan Schooff (D-Beloit). The initiative proposed a joint engineering program between UW-Rock County and UW-Platteville and would have met a specific need for additional engineering expertise in the Rock County region.	Vetoed	Support
SB 454 Harsdorf - R	Increases the fees for a University of Wisconsin specialty license plate from \$20 to \$25. The fee will help fund a scholarship program.	Died in the Senate.	Monitored
SB 474 Building Commission	Changes the timelines for enumeration of a number of UW System buildings.	Act 269	Support
SB 543 Plale - D	Creates a Fiscal and Economic Research Center at UW-Whitewater	Died in the Senate.	Monitored

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SB 554 Cowles - R	Requires energy for state agency facilities to attain a level of at least 10 percent of renewable resources by January 1, 2006, and a level of at least 20 percent by January 1, 2010.	Died in the Senate.	Monitored
SJR 67 Harsdorf - R	Commends President Katharine C. Lyall for years of service to the State of Wisconsin.	Passed Assembly and Senate	Support
SR 32 & AR 42 Zien - R Wood, J - R	Resolution urging state agencies to find more federal dollars.	Died in the Senate. Companion died in the Assembly	Monitored