### LEGISLATION

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to establish policies for transferring credits between UW System institutions and allows the Board of Regents to establish policies for credit transfers with other educational institutions.

The Board of Regents and the Technical College System (TCS) Board must also enter into an agreement, which private colleges may join, for transferring credits for core general education courses. Current law also requires technical college district boards to establish district policies, which are subject to review and approval by the TCS Board.

This bill requires the Board of Regents and technical college district boards to establish policies requiring, respectively, UW System institutions and technical colleges to award academic credit to a student who is a current or former member of the U.S. armed forces or of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces (veteran) for any course that was part of the veteran’s military training or service experience if the veteran demonstrates that the course: 1) meets the standards of the American Council on Education, or equivalent standards, for awarding academic credit; and 2) is similar in subject matter to a course offered by the UW System institution or technical college.

### UW SYSTEM POSITION

While there is no formal Board policy directing them to do so, each UW System institution currently uses the American Council on Education’s Military Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, known as the ACE Guide, to develop credit recommendations for courses offered by all branches of the military, as called for in this legislation.

Since the procedures called for in this bill are already in place and in practice throughout the UW System, the Board sees no reason for the legislature to act on the issue.

The Board of Regents takes a position of neutral on this legislation.