



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 176
[2011 Assembly Bill 144]

**Commission on Financial Aid
Consolidation and Modernization**

2011 Wisconsin Act 176 creates a temporary commission on financial aid consolidation and modernization in the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) consisting of 14 members as follows:

- The HEAB executive secretary.
- The chairperson of HEAB.
- A HEAB member designated by the chairperson of HEAB.
- Three student members of HEAB.
- Two representatives of the University of Wisconsin System.
- Two representatives of the Wisconsin Technical College System.
- Two representatives of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- One member of the Assembly appointed by the speaker of the Assembly.
- One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate majority leader.

The Act directs the commission to study the potential for consolidating all grant programs administered by HEAB into a single, comprehensive, need-based grant program, as well as options for providing grant aid for students who are attending Wisconsin institutions of higher education at less than full-time credit loads. The Act also directs the commission to report its recommendations to HEAB and the legislature no later than December 1, 2012, at which time the commission shall terminate its activities and cease to exist.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.