

The following items are included in the Governor’s 2021-23 proposed budget:

- **Wisconsin Grants**

A \$6.9 million increase in Wisconsin Grants over the biennium, distributed as follows:

Base	FY 21-22 Increase Over Base	New FY 21-22 Amount	FY 22-23 Increase Over Base	FY 22-23 New Amount
\$22,971,700	\$2,297,200	\$25,268,900	\$4,594,400	\$27,566,100

- **General Aid**

An additional \$36 million over the biennium, distributed as follows:

Base	FY 21-22 Increase Over Base	New FY 21-22 General Aid Amount	FY 22-23 Increase Over Base	New FY 22-23 General Aid Amount
\$101,034,900	\$18,000,000	\$119,034,900	\$18,000,000	\$119,034,900

The increase will be distributed based on the current general aid framework: with 70 percent distributed using the statutory formula and 30 percent distributed based on the outcomes-based funding formula.

- **Firefighter Certification**

An increase of \$50,000 to the WTCS firefighter training state operations appropriation in each year of the biennium to acquire up-to-date fire certification software.

- **Meat processing tuition grants**

Requires Department of Agricultural, Trade and Consumer Protection to reimburse up to 80% the cost of tuition for students enrolled in a meat processing program. Maximum reimbursement \$7,500.

- **Early College Credit Program; pupils attending an independent charter school**

Authorizes students attending an independent charter school to participate in ECCP.

- **Technical college district revenue limits**

Permit technical college districts to increase revenues derived from a combination of property taxes levy and property tax relief aid by 2% or a change in the district’s property value due to net new construction, whichever is greater. This creates a 2% floor in what is known as the valuation factor.

- **Creation of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Reciprocity Agreement**

The bill requires HEAB to enter into, administer, and renegotiate with Minnesota a fee reciprocity agreement that provides for the waiver of nonresident fees for residents of either state who are enrolled in public vocational schools in the other state.

- **Nonresident tuition exemption for undocumented individuals**

The bill creates a nonresident tuition exemption for undocumented individuals at Wisconsin Technical Colleges and UW System institutions.

- **State residency of relocated active duty service members and their families**

The bill establishes guidance for determining state residency of relocated active duty service members, their spouses and dependents for purposes of resident tuition eligibility at Wisconsin Technical Colleges and UW System institutions.

- **Nonresident tuition exemption for certain tribal members**

The bill allows certain students who are members of, or whose parents or grandparents are members of, a federally recognized American Indian tribe located in Wisconsin or contiguous states and who are otherwise ineligible for resident tuition at Wisconsin Technical Colleges and UW System institutions to qualify for resident tuition.

- **Automatic voter registration**

By July 1, 2023, the Election Commission shall report on the feasibility and desirability of integrating public information maintained by other state agencies and technical colleges with the Commission's registration information.

- **Proof of identification for voting**

By August 1, 2021, technical colleges would be required to issue student identification cards that meet voter identification requirements. The bill also allows a student to use an expired student ID card to vote if they provide proof of enrollment.

- **Bidding Thresholds**

A technical college district board must let a public construction contract having an estimated cost of more than \$50,000 (currently \$25,000) to the lowest responsible bidder.

Kudos to Brandon Trujillo from the WTCS System Office for this summary.