On Sunday the Governor signed Act 55, the Wisconsin 2015-17 Biennial Budget. The following document summarizes major provisions included in the budget.

1. General Budget

Issue/LFB Paper #	Governor's Budget	JFC Action/Final Budget
Standard Budget Adjustments	Provides \$17,977,800 GPR in 2015-16 and \$18,008,200 GPR in 2016-17 for full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits and funding of leases and directed moves	Accepted the Governor's recommendation.
GPR Base Budget Reduction (676)	\$300 million biennial reduction (\$150 million ongoing).	Joint Finance reduced the recommended base cut by \$25 million annually, resulting in a \$125 million annual cut (\$250 million biennially). Specified that the \$50 million biennial change be provided to aid institutions that are most impacted by the GPR base reduction. The Senate and Assembly reduced the budget cut by an additional \$25 million in 2016-17 to a \$100 million base cut (\$225 million biennial) but required the University to lapse \$25 million in 2016-17. The net impact is \$250 million as with Joint Finance but the ongoing cut is lowered by \$25 million in the next biennium. [20.285(1)(a) and Section 9248)
Creation of a Biennial Appropriation (676)	Establish a biennial appropriation in 2015-17 so that the UW System could transfer moneys between years.	Approved the creation of a biennial appropriation that will continue in future biennia. [20.285(1)(a)]
Separate Appropriation for UW System Administration (676)	Move the separate UW System Administration GPR appropriation into the GPR block grant.	Maintained a separate UW System Administration appropriation. [20.285(3)]
Future GPR Funding (679)	Beginning in 2018-19, GPR funding for the UW System would be increased by the annual change in the CPI. The ongoing funding base excludes 2014-15 and 2016-17 fringe benefit costs.	No provision – maintains current law.
Pay Plan Supplements (681)	Delete UW pay plan supplement appropriation on July 1, 2016. Provide \$21,313,500 GPR one- time in 2016-17 for fringe benefits.	Provided \$7,928,000 GPR in 2015-16 and an additional \$5,457,500 GPR in 2016-17 to fund projected fringe benefit increases, resulting in a \$13,385,500 GPR base increase. The UW System would be permitted to request additional funding if needed through the standard budget adjustment process in the 2017-19 biennial budget.
Re-estimate GPR Debt Service	Reduce GPR debt service by \$13,626,700 in 2015-16 and \$25,060,200 in 2016-17.	Accepted the Governor's recommendation.

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State Laboratory of Hygiene Funding (686)	Reduce SLH's GPR appropriation by \$6.3 million in 2016-17. Create a \$2.7 million appropriation under DNR to pay SLH for services provided. Provide an additional \$3.6 million to DHS for public health services planning, regulation, and delivery.	Restored GPR funding to SLH for services to DHS and DNR. [20.285(1)(fd), 20.285(1)(i), 20.285(1)(ia), 20.370(3)(ga)]

2. Tuition and Remissions

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2015-17 Resident	Freeze tuition on resident	Approved the Governor's recommendation of a tuition
Undergraduate Tuition	undergraduate students in 2015-	freeze in 2015-17. [Section 9148(4)] Permitted the Board
Freeze (677)	16 and 2016-17.	of Regents to implement a differential tuition at UW-
		Stevens Point if approved by a student referendum after
		the effective date of the biennial budget act. [Section
		9148(4d)]
2017-19 Resident	No restriction on the Board's	No provision.
Undergraduate Tuition	tuition authority beyond the	
Freeze (677)	current biennium.	
Nonresident Tuition	Repealed the statutory ceiling on	Repealed the statutory ceiling on nonresident tuition
Remissions	nonresident tuition remissions	remissions. Modified remission eligibility criteria.
	and remission eligibility criteria.	Permits – instead of requires – the board to provide
		remissions to faculty, instructional academic staff, or
		assistants with a 33 percent appointment. [36.27(3)]
Tuition remissions	Delete current law that authorizes	Approved the Governor's recommendation to delete
	the Board of Regents to remit	provisions limiting the aggregate amount of nonresident
	nonresident to certain students	tuition that may be remitted in any fiscal year and
	and delete limits on nonresident	modified the Governor's recommendation to permit the
	remissions.	Board to remit nonresident tuition to certain students
Minnesota-Wisconsin	Transfer negotiation and	Maintained current law. UW System institutions will not
Student Reciprocity	administration of the Minnesota-	be able to retain all tuition paid by Minnesota students in
(390)	Wisconsin tuition reciprocity	2016-17 as proposed by the Governor. [39.47]
	agreement from HEAB to the	
	Board of Regents on July 1, 2016.	
	Entering into an agreement is	
	optional and does not require JFC	
	approval. The UW System	
	Authority would be liable for any	
	interstate payment that accrues	
	after July 1, 2016. UW	
	institutions would retain all	
	reciprocity tuition revenue.	

3. Governance

Issue/LFB Paper #	Governor's Budget	JFC Action/Final Budget
Creation of UW System	Convert the UW System to a	Deleted proposed language establishing a UW System
Authority (675)	public authority.	Authority. Provided certain flexibilities in other actions as
		outlined in this document.

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Audits by the		Joint Finance specified that the Legislative Audit Bureau
Legislative Audit		would not conduct a financial audit of the UW System for
Bureau		the 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years as would otherwise
		be required under current law. Instead, provide that the
		Board of Regents would contract with an independent
		accounting firm licensed by the accounting examining
		board for the purposes of conducting an annual financial
		audit of the UW System for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17.
		2010-17.
		The Governor vetoed this provision, reverting to current law.
Shared Governance	Delete language establishing the	Joint Finance deleted the Governor's provision and,
	responsibilities of the UW System	instead, modified current law definitions of shared
	President, the chancellors,	governance for faculty, staff and students.
	faculty, academic staff, and	
	students, and the roles of the	The Governor vetoed the section of Shared Governance
	faculty, academic staff, and	changes related to student involvement in fee setting.
	students in the governance of	
	each institution.	

4. Human Resources

Issue/LFB Paper #	Governor's Budget	JFC Action/Final Budget
Delete language related to faculty tenure	Delete the definition of a tenure appointment and language establishing the conditions under which the Board may grant a tenure appointment to a faculty member. Delete current law specifying that a person who has been granted tenure may be dismissed only for just cause and only after due notice and hearing. In addition, delete the definition of "probationary appointment" and provisions limiting the length of such appointment to seven years.	Approved the Governor's recommendation.
Compensation Plans (681)	Authorize the UW System Authority Board of Regents to approve compensation plans for UW employees.	Restored current law requiring the Director of the Office of State Employment Relations to submit pay plan recommendations for UW faculty and academic staff to JCOER. Restored UW System pay plan supplemental appropriations. Specified that the UW System not receive pay plan supplements from the compensation reserve in 2015-17, but would receive pay plan supplements in 2017- 19 and in future biennia. [Section 9148(6d)] Modified current law to permit the Board of Regents to use base funds to provide salary adjustments to recognize merit [36.09(1)(j)].

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GPR Position Creation Authority (681)	Delete current law restrictions on the ability of the UW System Authority to create or abolish GPR positions.	No provision. On July 1, 2015, the UW System will have authority to create and abolish positions on all funds because the UW will be excluded from s. 16.505. (Option C.2.) [36.115(2) and (3)]
Transfer of Continuous Service Benefits		Allow the University of Wisconsin to enter into a memorandum of understanding with DOA to permit UW System employees who are appointed to positions in other state agencies to receive credit for their years of service with UW for transferring continuous service benefits, including accumulated sick leave.
Applicants for UW Positions		Exempts UW System from current law regarding the release of names of applicants for state positions, other than those in classified service. Instead, provide that the names of applicants who are seriously considered for appointment for UW System President, Senior Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents, Chancellors and the Vice Chancellor who is the deputy at each campus would be subject to release under public records law.
Create definition of University Staff		Delete definition of classified staff from the statutory chapter governing the UW System and create a definition for University staff.
Personnel Systems/Whistleblower		Modify two current law references to persons assigned to university senior executive salary groups and delete one such reference to conform with other changes made under 2011 Act 32.
Football coaches pension	Delete current law permitting the Board of Regents to deduct contributions from the salaries of football coaches who are eligible and wish to participate in the American football coaches retirement trust.	Approved the Governor's recommendation.

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Delete Procedural	Delete current law specifying that	Joint Finance deleted the provision. Instead, provide that,
Guarantees for Faculty	academic staff members may only	beginning on July 1, 2015, the Board of Regents could not
and Academic Staff	be dismissed for just cause and	appoint an academic staff member to a probationary or
	only after due notice and hearing;	indefinite term academic staff appointment. Specify that
	establishing certain positions as	an academic staff member who holds a probationary
	limited appointments and	appointment on June 30, 2015, would hold a fixed term
	providing that a person who has	appointment effective July 1, 2015. Modify current law to
	been granted tenure or who holds	specify that the policies for indefinite appointments made
	an academic staff appointment	before July 1, 2015, would provide for permanent status
	does not lose that appointment by	and such other conditions of appointment as the Board
	accepting a limited appointment;	establishes. Delete current law specifying that if in any
	allowing the Board to make fixed	institution all professional librarians with appropriate
	term appointments for student	graduate degrees have formerly been ranked faculty, then
	assistants and employees-in-	all present and future appointments of professional
	training and specifying that	librarians with appropriate graduate degrees should be
	persons in those positions do not	ranked faculty except where the Chancellor and faculty
	have the same procedural guarantees as faculty and	designate that such appointments would be academic staff.
	academic staff members;	In addition, modify current law to specify that the Board
	permitting the Board of Regents	may, with appropriate notice, terminate any faculty or
	to terminate faculty and academic	academic staff appointment when such an action is
	staff members in the case of a	deemed necessary due to a budget or program decision
	financial emergency, and	requiring program discontinuance, curtailment,
	prohibiting the Board from	modification, or redirection, instead of when a financial
	employing a person within two	emergency exists as under current law. Provide that the
	years to perform reasonably	Board, after consultation with the faculty and Chancellor
	comparable duties to those of a	of each institution, adopt procedures to be followed in the
	person whose appointment was	event of termination of faculty and academic staff Specify
	terminated due to a financial	that those procedures be consistent with the following
	emergency without first offering	provisions. Provided detailed process information.
	such person a reappointment.	
		The Governor vetoed the section prohibiting the Board
		from making probationary or indefinite academic staff
Employment Relations		appointments. The Board of Regents must establish and maintain
Policies and Practices		consistent employment relations policies and practices for
T Olicles and T factices		all UW System employees except UW-Madison. UW-
		Madison must establish consistent employment relations
		policies and practices for UW System employees assigned
		to UW-Madison.
Limits on dual	UW System Authority would be	Deleted the provision.
employment	subject to current law limits on	*
	dual employment.	
ETF - Payments to	Provide that state employees who	Provide that the following state employees would be
Employees in Lieu of	are eligible to receive healthcare	ineligible to receive a \$2,000 annual payment in lieu of
Health Insurance	coverage, other than graduate	health insurance coverage: (a) any state employee who
	assistants, could elect not to	opted-out of state group health insurance coverage in
	receive healthcare coverage and	calendar year 2015; and (b) married state employees or
	instead receive a \$2,000 annual	state employees in a domestic partnership whose spouse or
	payment.	domestic partner is receiving state health insurance
		coverage.

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ETF - Assigning Public Employee Benefits for Child or Family Support	Provide that public employee income continuation insurance benefits and duty disability benefits administered by ETF may be assigned to pay child or family support or maintenance, or to pay back any support arrearages.	Adopted the Governor's recommendation
Annual Changes to the State Group Health Insurance Program		Joint Finance provided that the Group Insurance Board (GIB), in consultation with the Division of Personnel Management in DOA, must annually, by April 1, submit any proposed changes to the state group health insurance program to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER). Specify that GIB may not implement any changes to the state group health insurance program unless approved by JCOER The Covernor vetoed the provision
Group Insurance Board Appointments		The Governor vetoed the provision. Joint Finance provided that the six members of the Group Insurance Board who are appointed by the Governor to two-year terms under current law, would now be appointed to the Board only with the advice and consent of the Senate. Provide that the terms of office of the current gubernatorial appointees to GIB would terminate on the effective date of the budget bill. Specify that the incumbent gubernatorial appointees to GIB could continue as Board members and exercise their powers and duties until a successor was appointed and qualified to assume the Board position. Further, expand the membership of GIB from 11 to 15 members and provide that the following be added as members of the Board: (a) one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly; (b) one Representative appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly; (c) one Senator appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate; and (d) one Senator appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
Star Project Group		The Governor vetoed the provision Eliminate the requirement that executive branch state
Insurance Change		employees must be covered under the Wisconsin Retirement System for a period of at least six months in order to be eligible for group insurance benefits, other than health insurance.

5. Capital Budget

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Issuance of Revenue	Provide that the UW System	No provision.
Bonds for UW System	Authority could issue bonds for	
Self-Amortizing	any corporate purpose. Bonds	
Projects (682)	would not be debt of the State.	

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Oversight by DOA (682)	None.	Joint Finance required DOA to assess the UW System for services related to building projects that are funded entirely by program revenues or program revenue supported borrowing on a fee-for-service basis except that fees assessed to these projects could not exceed 4% of the total cost of the project. The Governor vetoed the fee for service provision and
Legislative Enumeration of Non-GPR Supported Projects (682)	None.	the 4% limit. [16.85(2)] Joint Finance provided that UW System building projects would not be subject to Building Commission approval and supervision if all of the following apply: (a) the project is funded <u>entirely with gifts and grants</u> made to the UW System for the express purpose of funding the building project; and (b) the building project is let by the UW System using the current law single prime contracting process. Provided that the DOA would not take charge of and supervise all engineering and architectural services and construction work performed related to, or review and approve plans and specifications for, UW System projects that meet that criteria. Deleted current law exempting UW System building projects that cost less than \$500,000 and are funded entirely with gifts and grants from prior approval by the Building Commission, review and approval by the Building Commission of engineering, architectural services, and construction work, and DOA bidding.
		The Governor vetoed the requirement that the gifts be provided for the express purpose of funding the building project.
Master Lease Financing for Energy Conservation Projects		Joint Finance provide that the President of the System could annually identify and approve eligible energy conservation projects for the UW System., which would be financed through the state's master lease program.
		The Governor vetoed the creation of a "new" master lease program that did not require Building Commission or DOA oversight and approval. He asked the System to work with legislature and DOA to develop a new proposal
Investment of Certain PR Balances (684)	None.	Joint Finance specified that the UW System would not be required to deposit auxiliary enterprise revenues, gifts, grants, donations, and segregated fees collected for building projects in the state investment fund, which would allow the Board of regents to invest these funds upon receipt in the PR appropriation. Required the Board to invest these funds through one of three specific mechanisms. Deleted current law authorizing the Board to invest surplus auxiliary enterprises moneys in certain securities and bonds.
		The Governor vetoed the ability to manage auxiliary funds.

6. Procurement

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Procurement – General	For procurement purposes, the	Joint Finance required the Board of Regents to develop
(683)	UW System Authority would be	related policies and to submit them for approval by the
	treated as a municipality and	JFC. Specified that current law related to purchasing by
	would not be subject to	state agencies would not apply to the UW System once the
	procurement law for state	JFC approves the Board of Regent policies. Specified that
	agencies. UW System Authority	UW System institutions would be able to purchase
	could enter into purchasing	through state contracts and state agencies would be able to
	agreements with DOA and	purchase through UW System contracts.
	municipalities.	
		The Governor vetoed the exclusion of the UW System
		from procurement law and directed the Department of
		Administration to work with the Board of Regents and
		UW-Madison to improve existing delegation agreements
		and develop a framework for flexibility while maintaining
		the state's purchasing power.

7. PR and SEG Programs

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Wisconsin Bioenergy	Delete \$4,069,100 and 35.2	Deleted the funding, positions, and related statutory
Initiative (486)	positions.	language. [20.285(1)(s) and Section 9448]
Wisconsin	Delete \$130,500 annually from	Joint Finance deleted the funding, positions, and related
Environmental	the environmental fund and delete	statutory language.
Education Board (488)	the appropriation for that purpose.	
	In addition, delete \$200,000 in	The Senate/Assembly extended the WEEB board and the
	2016-17 as well as the	use of existing funding through July 1, 2017. \$200,000
	appropriation for environmental	will continue to be funded in 2015-16 from the
	education grants from the	conservation fund. No new funding will be provided.
	conservation fund. Delete current law program language.	[20.285(1)(r), 20.285(1)(rc), and Section 9448]
Extension Solid Waste	Delete \$156,100 and 1.0	Deleted the funding, positions, and related statutory
Research (487)	position. Delete current law	language.[20.285(1)(tm) and Section 9448]
	permitting the Board to establish	
	solid waste experiment centers.	
	Delete the requirement for the	
	Board to conduct research into	
	solid waste disposal and to	
	appoint a solid waste research	
	council.	
Extension Recycling	Delete \$394,100 and 4.0 position	Deleted the funding, positions, and related statutory
Education (487)		language. [20.285(1)(tb) and Section 9448]
Telecommunications	Delete \$1,054,800 in funding that	Restored segregated fund appropriation and positions.
Services Funding (678)	supports BadgerNet services	Removed prohibition on DOA providing services to the
	provided to the UW System.	UW System. [20.285(1)(q) and 196.218 (3)(a)3.b.]
	Prohibit DOA from providing	
	computer and	
	telecommunications services to	
	UW institutions.	
Rural Physician	Delete \$755,300.	Restored segregated fund appropriation and positions.
Residency Assistance		[20.285(1)(qe)]
Program (678)		

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Physician and Dentist Loan Assistance Program (678)	Delete \$250,000 and related language.	Restored segregated fund appropriation and positions. [36.61 and 20.285(1)(qj)]
Environmental Program Grants and Scholarships (678)	Delete approximately \$300,000 for environmental grants and scholarships at UW-Madison, UW Colleges, and UW-Stevens Point.	Restored segregated fund appropriation and positions. [20.285(1)(rm)]
Discovery Farm Grants Program (678)	Delete \$249,800 and 1.2 positions.	Restored segregated fund appropriation and positions. [20.285(1)(qr)]
Center for Cooperatives (678)	Delete \$133,300. In current law, \$78,000 should be provided to the UW-Stevens Point paper science program and the remainder should be used for grants to persons wishing to form forestry cooperatives. Five percent of the amount for grants can be used for administrative expenses.	Joint Finance restored segregated fund appropriation and positions. Specified that \$124,400 of the appropriation be provided to UW-Stevens Point's paper science program and \$10,000 to UW-Madison's center for cooperatives in 2015-16 and 2016-17. The Governor vetoed the allocation of the resources while maintaining the appropriation. [20.285(1)(qm) and Section 9448]
Physician and Dentist and Health Care Provider Loan Assistance Programs (679)	Delete \$488,700and related language. Delete the Rural Health Development Council, which advises the Board on the loan assistance program.	Maintained current law and restored funding. [36.61 and 20.505(8)(hm)6r]
Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (679)	Delete operational funding for aquaculture (\$417,500). The recommendation also modifies current language to permit –rather than require – the Board to support commercial aquaculture.	 Joint Finance restored funding, and provided an additional \$100,000 PR-tribal gaming funding in 2015-16 and 2016-17 to fund a UW-Extension aquaculture specialist position. The Governor vetoed the additional \$100,000 and FTE. [20.505(8)(hm)11a., 20.505(8)(hm)11c., and Section 9448]
Programming at UW- Green Bay	Delete \$247,500 for programming at UW-Green Bay developed with the Oneida Tribe.	Maintained current law and restored funding. [20.285(1)(km)]
Various PR and SEG programs	Delete outdoors skills training, great lakes fish studies, nutrient and pest management program, urban land research economics, and soils and fertilizer research.	Programs restored.
Watershed Nonpoint Source Contracts	Removes a provision requiring the DNR t to allocate \$500,000 in each fiscal year to UW-Extension for education and technical assistance associated with nonpoint water pollution abatement contracts. [281.65(4g)]	Funding restored, however JFC Motion 290 indicates that the restored funding is one time only.
Funding for the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine	No provision	No provision [Section 9148 of 2013 Wisconsin Act 20]

8. Accountability and Reports

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Accountability Measures		Require the Board of Regents to identify accountability measures in the following areas: financial management, administrative management, educational performance and research and economic development. The measures must be submitted to the Chief Clerk of each house by October 1, 2015 for distribution and approval by the appropriate standing committee.
Position Reports (681)	Delete language requiring the Board of Regents to report quarterly to DOA and JFC regarding the number of FTE positions.	Joint Finance modified current law to require the Board of Regents to report annually to DOA and to the Co- Chairs of JFC regarding the number of full-time equivalent positions created or abolished in the previous 12 months. Specified that the reports be based on the October 1 payroll. Deleted current law specifying that positions authorized for the UW System not be included in any state position report beginning on July 1, 2015. The Governor in his vetoes said the UW System would not be included in the state's position counts.
Auxiliary Enterprise Funds (685)	Delete current law prohibiting the Board from accumulating auxiliary reserve funds from student fees in excess of 15% of the previous year's revenues unless approved by DOA and JFC. Delete language authorizing the Board to invest surplus auxiliary enterprise funds in certain securities and bonds.	Approved the Governor's recommendation, which removes the Student Funded Auxiliary Reserves Report.
Auxiliary Reserves	Delete prohibition on accumulating auxiliary reserve funds from student in an amount that exceeds 15% of the previous fiscal year's total revenues from student segregated fees and auxiliary operations funded with student fees unless approved by the DOA Secretary and the Joint Committee on Finance.	Accepted the Governor's recommendation
Program Revenue Balance Reporting (685)	None.	No provision.
Annual Reports	Delete current law requiring the Board to submit an annual report on management and staff positions; and an annual report on courses for which academic fees or tuition equals at least 100% of the cost of offering the course.	Adopted the Governor's recommendations

9. Other Items

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Create an Office of Educational Opportunity		Joint Finance required the Board of Regents to create the Office of Educational Opportunity within the UW System to act as a new authorizer of independent charter schools. Require the President to appoint a special assistant to serve as the Director of the Office no later than 120 days after the effective date of the bill and require the Board to set the salary range for the Director position. The Governor vetoed the requirement to appoint a
		director no later than 120 days after the bill becomes effective and the need for the board to set the salary range.
Insurance for Agents and Intercollegiate Athletics	Authorize the Board to add "agents" to the list of persons for whom the Board of Regents may procure liability insurance coverage. Delete current law prohibiting the Board from using GPR to pay for insurance to cover injuries sustained by students as a result of their participation in	Approve the Governor's recommendation to delete a current law provision that prohibits the Board of Regents from using GPR to pay for insurance to cover injuries sustained by students as a result of their participation in intercollegiate athletics. In addition, approve the Governor's recommendation to add "agents" to the list of persons for whom the Board of Regents may procure liability insurance.
	intercollegiate athletics.	
Delete Application Fee Amounts	Delete current law setting the application fee for undergraduate applicants at \$44 and the application fee for graduate, law, and medical school applicants at \$56. Delete provisions permitting the Board to exempt up to 5% of undergraduate applicants from the application fee. Delete language requiring that at least \$9 of the application fee paid by each undergraduate applicant and \$11 of the application fee paid by graduate, law, and medical school application expenses. In addition, delete the requirement that \$3 of the application fee paid by each applicant be used to support the higher education location program.	Modify the Governor's recommendation to require each UW institution to charge uniform application fees to each of the following groups of applicants: (a) all undergraduate applicants; (b) all graduate applicants; (c) all law school applicants; and (d) all medical school applicants.

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Requirement to Conduct Research on Education Programs	Delete current law requiring the Board to enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board, and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) to cooperatively conduct research on preschool through postsecondary education programs.	Approved the Governor's recommendation.
Course Options Program		Specify that an institution of higher education, including the University of Wisconsin System, a technical college, a nonprofit institution of higher education, or a tribal college may charge additional tuition and fees to a pupil, or the parent or guardian of a minor pupil, if that pupil will receive postsecondary credit for the successful completion of a course taken through the course options program. Provide that the school board and the institution of higher education would determine the amount of tuition and fees that would be charged to a pupil for attending the course.
Educational Communications Board	Reduce funding by \$2,484,200 GPR annually from instructional technology general program operations, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and programming.	Funding removed for Milwaukee Area Technical College and programming. [20.255(d) and (f)]

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Other provisions	Delete current law authorizing the Board to participate in a	Joint Finance adopted the Governor's recommendations.
	nonprofit-sharing corporation with colleges, universities, and libraries for the purpose of providing and operating a central library depository. (i) permitting the Board to maintain membership in the Midwest technology development institute.	The Governor 's vetoes restored the prohibition for UW institutions and private educational institutions located in this state that award bachelor's or higher degrees from using a student's social security number as his or her identification number
	(j) requiring the Board to designate two positions to coordinate compliance with state and federal laws related to the environment.	
	(k) requiring the Board to ensure that each campus identifies and collects significant state documents relating to the administration and academic programs of that campus.	
	(n) requiring that the DOA Secretary approve fees for services charged by the Higher Educational Aids Board to the Board of Regents through the national direct student loan servicing contract.	
	(o) prohibiting UW institutions and private educational institutions located in this state that award bachelor's or higher degrees from using a student's social security number as his or her identification number	
	(q) prohibiting UW institutions from offering complimentary or reduced price tickets to athletics event for which an admission fee is normally charged	

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Other provisions (Continued)	(r) requiring the Board to ensure that the UW-Madison University Ridge Golf Course charge no more than two levels of fees and that, if there are two levels of fees, the lower fee level be for students and the other fee level by for all others eligible to use the facility.	
	(s) requiring the UW-Madison license plate scholarship program to provide funds to the division of athletics until the Board determines that the division's deficit has been eliminated.	
	(u) requiring the Board include in fiscal estimates prepared for bills that involve the appropriation of GPR for specific research or public service projects the anticipated completion date of the project.	
	(y) permitting the Board to establish a tuition gift certificate program.	
	(z) requiring the Board to direct the administrative officers of each campus to work with the regional planning commissions and the local authorities of the community in which the campus is located to evaluate the transportation needs of the	