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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill changes the Minnesota-Wisconsin tuition reciprocity program to charge Wisconsin students attending the University of Minnesota the Minnesota resident tuition rate. Currently, Wisconsin reciprocity students pay their resident rate at a comparable Wisconsin institution. As a result, Minnesota residents may pay up to \$2,700 more per year to attend the University of Minnesota compared to a Wisconsin reciprocity student. The bill provides a phase-in period for higher tuitions.

The bill also authorizes admission preference for Minnesota residents at the University of Minnesota that are prohibited by the current agreement.

Section

- 1** **Wisconsin.** Requires Wisconsin students who attend the University of Minnesota under the tuition reciprocity agreement to pay tuition that is equal to or greater than the tuition paid by Minnesota residents attending the University of Minnesota beginning in the fall of 2008. The campus that the Wisconsin resident attends is entitled to retain any increased tuition revenue from these higher tuition payments. Authorizes the University to give Minnesota students preference for admission to the University.
- 2** **Phase-in.** Provides a phase-in period for higher tuition rates charged to Wisconsin residents attending the University of Minnesota under tuition reciprocity. The difference in the tuition rate between Minnesota and Wisconsin residents must be reduced by 50 percent in the first year.