SECTION 601. 36.31 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
36.31 (2m) (a) In this subsection:
1. “Association" means the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
2. “Core general education courses" means courses generally required for an undergraduate degree that are prerequisite or otherwise in addition to the courses required for an undergraduate degree in a specific course of study.
3. “Private school" means a private, nonprofit institution of higher education that is a member of the association.
(b) Notwithstanding s. 36.09 (4), the Board of Regents and the technical college system board shall, and the governing boards of tribally controlled colleges in this state and the association, on behalf of private schools, may, enter into and implement an agreement that identifies core general education courses totaling not fewer than 30 credits and establishes policies for ensuring that, beginning in the 2014−15 academic year, credits for completing the courses are transferable, without loss of credit toward graduation or toward completion of a specific course of study, between and within each institution, college campus, and technical college, and each tribally controlled college and private school that elects to participate in the agreement.
(c) The Board of Regents and the technical college system board shall ensure that the governing bodies of tribally controlled colleges and the association, on behalf of private schools, have an opportunity to elect to participate in the agreement specified in par. (b).