



# Tony Evers

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing AB 750 in its entirety.

This bill would codify into statute policies allowing for consideration of “special circumstances” for Wisconsin Technical College System institution admission purposes. The system is required to adopt rules that structure and prioritize admission decisions based on residency, and under existing Wisconsin regulations, technical colleges may have policies that allow for consideration of special circumstances, such as hardship or special need. This bill would place special circumstance considerations into statute, including hardship, school-to-work program participation, special need, school partnerships with employers, and enrollment diversity. The bill also would specify that district boards can accommodate admission of students in protective service programs who are sponsored by a district employer, notwithstanding residency rules.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature’s ongoing efforts to undermine the Wisconsin Technical College System and the Wisconsin Technical College System Board by inserting itself into the daily decision-making on technical college campuses.

I object to the Legislature infringing upon our higher educational boards’ authorities, respectively, to manage our state’s respective higher education institutions as they see fit, including relating to admission systems, processes, and considerations. The boards governing our state’s higher education institutions are not an extension of any branch of government or political party. On the contrary, these boards have long been entrusted with the independence and autonomy to not only make the decisions that are best for our students and our campuses but to protect the institutions that have defined our state for generations. Our higher education governing boards must continue to be able to do so without political interference from the Legislature.

Additionally, I am vetoing this bill because I object to overriding existing technical college policies that address program waitlists and enrollment restrictions at the local level, including provisions for special circumstances. Institutions also have the authority to enter into contracts with employers to provide educational services, which are exempt from waitlist and residency requirements, rendering this legislation unnecessary. Wisconsin continues to face generational workforce shortages across our state, and our higher education institutions play a critical role in helping recruit, train, and retain workers to build the workforce Wisconsin needs to compete in the 21st Century. Rather than restricting or creating additional barriers to higher education, micromanaging higher education governing boards and leadership, or meddling in daily decisions and operations on our technical college campuses, this Legislature should focus on meaningful investments in public education and our higher education systems overall, which are an important economic driver in our state.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers  
Governor