



# Tony Evers

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 1005 in its entirety.

This bill would require admission decisions for the University of Wisconsin-Madison to be predominantly based on an applicant's performance on the American College Testing (ACT) examination, the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), a similar regional or national test that measures college readiness, or other similar objective testing measures, except with respect to the guaranteed admission program. The bill would first apply to applications for admission for the 2027-28 academic year.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature's ongoing efforts to undermine the University of Wisconsin System and the Board of Regents by inserting itself into the daily decision-making on University of Wisconsin 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 ensuring admitted students have the preparation, skills, and potential to be successful on our campuses. 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.

Finally, and importantly, Wisconsin continues to face generational workforce shortages across our state, and our University of Wisconsin System plays 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 University of Wisconsin 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.

This bill does nothing to support our University of Wisconsin system, our students, or our workforce. This bill is a solution in search of a problem, and therefore, I must veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tony Evers  
Governor