

1 By Supervisors Broderick and Holloway

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3 **A RESOLUTION**

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5 stating opposition to Senate Bill 275 relating to membership of the Milwaukee Area  
6 Technical College (MATC) District Board

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8 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 275, and similar legislation contained in Assembly Bill  
9 353, initially proposed changes in the membership of all Wisconsin Technical College  
10 System district boards from:

- 11 • 2 employers;  
12 • 2 employees;  
13 • 3 additional members;  
14 • 1 school district administrator; and  
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17 To:

- 18 • 6 business persons;  
19 • 1 additional member;  
20 • 1 school district administrator; and  
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25 WHEREAS, additional amendments approved to the bill limit the changes to the  
26 Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) district board, direct the Milwaukee County  
27 Executive to act as chairperson for the MATC District Board Appointment Committee,  
28 and establish the district board membership as:

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30 • 5 persons representing employers: 3 representing employers with 15 or  
31 more employees; 2 representing employers with 100 or more employees;  
32 and at least 2 representing employers who are manufacturing businesses;  
33 • 1 elected official  
34 • 1 school district administrator; and  
35 • 2 additional members

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39 WHEREAS, the District Board Appointment Committee would be comprised  
40 of four individuals, including the Milwaukee County Executive as chairperson, and  
41 the chairpersons of the Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Washington County Boards of  
42 Supervisors; and

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44 WHEREAS, 7 of the 9 members of the MATC District Board would be  
45 required under SB 275 to reside in Milwaukee County; and

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47           WHEREAS, 84% of the total tax levy funding for MATC is paid by  
48 Milwaukee County residents, and 57% of the students are from the City of  
49 Milwaukee, which has no direct representation on the District Board Appointment  
50 Committee; and

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52           WHEREAS, the State Legislature last year slashed State support for MATC  
53 by 30%, which is the main issue affecting MATC, not the composition of the MATC  
54 District Board; and

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56           WHEREAS, Senate Bill 275, as amended, would give more control to  
57 outlying counties although their residents comprise a much smaller fraction of the  
58 MATC student population; now, therefore,

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60           BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
61 opposes Senate Bill 275, and any related legislation, that would change the  
62 governance structure of the Milwaukee Area Technical College to give outlying  
63 counties a disproportionate share of the District Board or the District Board  
64 Appointment Committee; and

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66           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County supports applying  
67 any reforms for technical college governance to all technical college systems in  
68 Wisconsin; and

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70           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Intergovernmental Relations is  
71 authorized and directed to communicate the contents of this resolution to the  
72 appropriate State policymakers and any other related officials.