



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 1024

February 13, 2024 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, SPREITZER, L. JOHNSON and ROYS, cosponsored by Representatives NOVAK, HAYWOOD, BALDEH, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, JACOBSON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, SINICKI and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.923 (15) (b) and 234.02 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 increasing the limit on compensation of the executive director and staff of
3 WHEDA.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to employ an executive director and limits the compensation of the executive director and employees of WHEDA to the maximum salary range established for positions assigned to executive salary group 6. This bill increases the limit on the compensation of the executive director and staff of WHEDA to 126.8 percent of the maximum salary range established for positions assigned to executive salary group 6. The bill also allows WHEDA employees to receive pay that is equal to or greater than the amount paid to the governor.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.923 (15) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 20.923 (15) (b) Except for the positions identified in sub. (7) (b), positions
6 appointed or assigned under s. 234.02 (3), and positions approved by the joint

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1 committee of employment relations, the pay of any incumbent whose salary is subject
2 to a limitation under this section may not equal or exceed that amount paid the
3 governor.

4 **SECTION 2.** 234.02 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 234.02 (3) The governor shall appoint a public member as the chairperson of
6 the authority for a one-year term beginning on the expiration of the term of the
7 chairperson's predecessor. The authority shall elect a vice chairperson. The
8 governor shall nominate, and with the advice and consent of the senate appoint, the
9 executive director of the authority, to serve a 2-year term. The authority shall
10 employ the executive director so appointed, legal and technical experts and such
11 other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require,
12 and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation, all
13 notwithstanding subch. II of ch. 230, except that s. 230.40 shall apply, and except
14 that the compensation of any employee of the authority shall not exceed 126.8
15 percent of the maximum of the executive salary group range established under s.
16 20.923 (1) for positions assigned to executive salary group 6. The authority may
17 delegate any of its powers or duties to its employees with the consent of the executive
18 director or to its agents.

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