



1995 SENATE BILL 617

March 12, 1996 – Introduced by Senators PETAK, WELCH, FITZGERALD, SCHULTZ, BUETTNER, DARLING, DRZEWIECKI, FARROW, HUELSMAN, PANZER, ROSENZWEIG and ZIEN, cosponsored by Representatives WALKER, LADWIG, BRANDEMUEHL, GUNDERSON, GOETSCH, GROTHMAN, VRAKAS, ZUKOWSKI, GARD, HOVEN, FREESE, AINSWORTH, KELSO, GREEN, SERATTI, SILBAUGH, COLEMAN, OLSEN, KREIBICH, LAZICH, LEHMAN, DUFF, URBAN, KAUFERT, MUSSER, OWENS, HAHN, HANDRICK, JENSEN, F. LASEE, JOHNSRUD, OTT, UNDERHEIM, PROSSER, KLUSMAN and CARPENTER, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

- 1 **AN ACT to repeal** 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, section 9108 (7); and **to amend** 20.866
2 (2) (ux) of the statutes; **relating to:** the funding of a prison expansion project
3 under the state building program and granting bonding authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

1995 Wisconsin Act 27 increased the general obligation bonding authority for state building program capital costs by \$25,000,000 for a prison expansion project. Under the act, the state building commission may not authorize the contracting of public debt for the prison expansion project unless the state receives federal funding for the project.

This bill increases the general obligation bonding authority for the prison expansion project by \$50,000,000, from \$25,000,000 to \$75,000,000. The bill also eliminates the requirement in 1995 Wisconsin Act 27 that the state receive federal funding for the prison expansion project before the building commission may authorize the contracting of public debt for the prison expansion project. The bill does not change the authority of the building commission under current law to substitute federal funds in whole or in part for the borrowing authority provided under the bill for the prison expansion project. Finally, the bill requires the department of corrections to seek to identify and secure federal funding for the prison expansion project.

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:

