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**CHAPTER 268.**

AN ACT to amend 37.02 (3) and 66.30 and to create 40.16 (17) of the statutes, relating to long term contracts of municipalities with the state for educational purposes.

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

SECTION 1. 37.02 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

37.02 (3) For the purpose of providing dormitories, commons and other buildings, improvements, additions, and equipment therefor, necessary for educational purposes, and to enable the construction, financing and ultimate acquisition thereof, the board of regents of normal schools is authorized to lease and re-lease teachers college lands and improvements to a nonprofit-sharing corporation or corporations for terms not exceeding 50 years each, upon condition that such corporation or corporations shall construct on such leased land or portion thereof such dormitories, commons or other buildings, improvements and additions and provide such equipment therefor, for educational purposes as the board of regents shall designate or approve, and shall lease the same to the board of regents upon satisfactory terms as to the current rental, maintenance and ultimate purchase by the regents. Revenues derived from the operation by the regents of such dormitories, commons, buildings, improvements or additions for educational purposes shall, and revenues derived from the operation by the regents of other dormitories, commons, buildings, improvements or additions for educational purposes may, be applied to the payment of such rentals, any surplus which from time to time may accrue to be applied toward the purchase price of the building, improvement, addition or equipment, or accumulated for subsequent application upon the purchase price. The board of regents is authorized to enter into such leases or contracts with such corporation or corporations or with local units of government for the above purposes as they shall deem for the best interest of the teachers college. This subsection does not authorize the board of regents to incur any state debt for the construction of such dormitories, commons, buildings, improvements or additions or for the furnishing of equipment therefor. The plans for buildings and all contracts and leases made pursuant to this subsection shall before they are finally adopted or become effective be submitted to and approved by the state chief engineer and the governor. Such dormitories, commons, buildings, improve-

ments, additions and equipment so constructed or installed on teachers college lands and devoted to teachers college purposes, and the leasehold interest in such lands shall be exempt from taxation.

SECTION 2. 40.16 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

40.16 (17) The boards of common school districts, high school districts and city school districts are authorized to enter into agreements, including leases for a term not exceeding 50 years, with the state or any department or agency thereof for the purchase, operation and maintenance of land, buildings and equipment for educational purposes, upon approval thereof and by the town or village board or the city council, whether acting in a proprietary or a governmental capacity.

SECTION 3. 66.30 of the statutes is amended to read:

66.30 Any city, village, town, county or school district may, by action of the governing body thereof, enter into an agreement with any other such governmental unit *or with the state or any department or agency thereof including building corporations created pursuant to section 37.02 (3)* for the joint or co-operative exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by statute, and as part of such agreement may provide a plan for prorating any expenditures involved.

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