

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 21 [2005 Senate Bill 265]

Additional Vacation Leave for Certain State Agency Employees

Under current law, nonrepresented employees of executive branch state agencies who are subject to the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act are entitled to paid vacation based on their years of service, usually beginning with 80 hours, or two weeks, of paid vacation at the time of their initial employment with the state. Such employees who remain employed by the state receive total annual vacation under the general vacation schedule as follows:

After five years of employment

After 10 years of employment

After 15 years of employment

After 20 years of employment

After 25 years of employment

120 hours per year

136 hours per year

176 hours per year

200 hours per year

Under some of the 2003-05 collective bargaining agreements with represented state employees, certain employees with 25 or fewer years of service were provided with three additional paid vacation days and those with over 25 years were provided two additional vacation days.

2005 Wisconsin Act 21 modifies current law to extend these additional vacation days to counterpart nonrepresented employees in the executive branch who are subject to the minimum wage and overtime requirements under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Effective Date: 2005 Wisconsin Act 21 contains a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.