

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2015 Wisconsin Act 201 [2015 Senate Bill 407]

## **Agency Biennial Budget Requests**

2015 Wisconsin Act 201 requires each executive state agency to include the following with its biennial budget request:

- 1. A proposal to reduce the agency's state operations budget for each fiscal year of the succeeding fiscal biennium by an amount equal to a total of 5% of the agency's base level for its state operations budget for the current fiscal year.
- 2. A proposal to maintain during each fiscal year of the succeeding fiscal biennium the agency's base level for its state operations budget for the current fiscal year.

The Act requires that an agency's base funding level must be agreed to by the Secretary of Administration and the Director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. An agency is also required to exclude the following from the required proposals:

- 1. Expenditures funded by federal revenues.
- 2. Expenditures for principal, interest, and premium costs on public debt and state-issued revenue bonds.
- 3. Expenditures under s. 20.505 (1) (bq), (br), (iq), (it), and (iw), Stats. (Certain tobacco settlement revenue, Retirement System liabilities, and agreement and ancillary obligations.)
- 4. Expenditures under s. 20.855 (1) (a) and (b), Stats. (Obligations on operating notes and operating note expenses.)
- 5. Standard budget adjustments, as agreed to by the Secretary of Administration and the Director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <a href="http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov">http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov</a>.

Each agency must also submit these proposals in a report to the Governor and to the Legislature as required under s. 13.72 (2), Stats.

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