

State of Misconsin 1995 - 1996 LEGISLATURE

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
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- (2) (ux) of the statutes; **relating to:** the funding of a prison expansion project
- 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:

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SECTION 1. 20.866 (2) (ux) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27,
 is amended to read:

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20.866 (2) (ux) Corrections; correctional facilities. From the capital
improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the department of corrections to acquire,
construct, develop, enlarge or improve adult and juvenile correctional facilities. The
state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed \$465,087,500
\$515,087,500 for this purpose.

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SECTION 2. 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, section 9108 (7) is repealed.

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SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions; building commission.

(1) 1995-97 STATE BUILDING PROGRAM; INCREASE IN PRISON EXPANSION PROJECT
 BORROWING AUTHORITY. In 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, section 9108 (1) (b) 1., under
 projects financed by general fund supported borrowing, the amount authorized for
 the prison expansion project is increased from \$25,000,000 to \$75,000,000 and the
 appropriate totals are adjusted accordingly.

(2) 1995-97 STATE BUILDING PROGRAM DELETION; FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PRISON
EXPANSION PROJECT. In 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, section 9108 (1) (b) 3., under projects
financed by federal funds, the 1995-97 state building program project identified as
prison expansion project is deleted and the appropriate totals are decreased
accordingly.

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SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions; corrections.

(1) FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PRISON EXPANSION PROJECT. The department of
corrections shall seek to identify and secure federal funding for the project identified
in 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, section 9108 (1) (b) 1., as "Prison expansion project".

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