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2003 SENATE BILL 543

March 10, 2004 – Introduced by Senators Plale, Kanavas and Robson, cosponsored by Representative Towns. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

- 1 AN ACT to create 36.25 (47) of the statutes; relating to: establishing a Fiscal and
- 2 Economic Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to establish at the UW-Whitewater a Fiscal and Economic Research Center (Center) to provide research and technical assistance in the design of local fiscal and economic policy, assist in economic development issues, and assist local governments in southeastern Wisconsin with comprehensive planning. The Center must work with local businesses to achieve the Center's objectives.

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:

- 3 **Section 1.** 36.25 (47) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 36.25 (47) FISCAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTER. The board shall establish
- 5 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, as a partnership between the public and
- 6 private sectors, a Fiscal and Economic Research Center to do all of the following:

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- (a) Provide research and technical assistance in the design of local fiscal and economic policy and assist in economic development issues.
- (b) Assist local governments in the southeastern part of the state with comprehensive planning.
- (c) Work with businesses in the southeastern part of the state to achieve the objectives under pars. (a) and (b).

7 (END)