



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 229

June 4, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives TITTL, WRIGHT, JACQUE, SINICKI, A. OTT, C. TAYLOR, KAHL, KOLSTE, DOYLE, HESSELBEIN, BARNES, GENRICH, BERCEAU, YOUNG, HULSEY, BILLINGS, BARCA and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators LEIBHAM, WIRCH, LEHMAN and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Labor.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 108.04 (10) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility of certain
2 employees who are affected by labor disputes for unemployment insurance
3 benefits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, an employee who leaves or partially or totally loses his or her work with an employer because of a strike or other bona fide labor dispute, other than a lockout, is not eligible to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits based on the wages paid to the employee prior to the beginning of the dispute for any week in which the dispute is in active progress in the establishment in which the employee is or was employed.

This bill permits such an employee to receive UI benefits while a labor dispute is in active progress if the employee is otherwise eligible to receive benefits and the employee is not participating in the dispute and is not a member of the grade or class of workers (usually a collective bargaining unit) of which, immediately before the dispute, there were members employed with the employee's employer, any of whom are participating in the dispute.

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:

