



## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 342

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1     **AN ACT to create** 11.37 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** reporting travel expenses  
2     for elected state officials seeking national office and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires an elected state official who is considering running for, or pursuing the nomination or election to, a national office to submit monthly statements to the Government Accountability Board identifying the official's travel expenses from the previous month. The bill also requires the official to reimburse the state for the amount of any state funds that the official used to pay for travel expenses used to consider or pursue the nomination or election to a national office.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3     **SECTION 1.** 11.37 (3) of the statutes is created to read:  
4     11.37 (3) (a) An elected state official, as identified under s. 20.923 (2) and (3),  
5     who is considering running for, or pursuing the nomination or election to, a national  
6     office shall file a monthly statement with the board, in the manner prescribed by the

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1 board, that provides an itemized list of the official's travel expenses incurred in the  
2 previous month, including an itinerary of the dates traveled; the destination,  
3 location, and purpose of such travel; and the total cost of security protection and staff  
4 expenses. The statement shall also specify the source from which those costs were  
5 paid.

6 (b) If the elected state official used state funds to pay for any of the costs  
7 identified in a statement filed under par. (a) for purposes of considering or pursuing  
8 the nomination or election to a national office, the official shall reimburse the state  
9 for the amount of the state funds used for such purposes by paying that amount to  
10 the department of administration no later than 30 days after filing the report under  
11 par. (a). An official who fails to reimburse the state before the 30-day period expires  
12 shall pay to the department of administration a penalty of \$500 for each day that the  
13 official is late making the payment.

14 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) This act first applies to travel expenses incurred on the effective date of this  
16 subsection.

17 (END)