



2021 SENATE BILL 276

April 5, 2021 - Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN, BERNIER, STROEBEL, FELZKOWSKI, JACQUE and STAFSHOLT, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK, BROOKS, ARMSTRONG, BORN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, EDMING, GUNDRUM, JAMES, KATSMA, KRUG, LOUDENBECK, MOSES, MURPHY, MURSAU, OLDENBURG, PLUMER, ROZAR, SNYDER, SWEARINGEN, TRANEL, TUSLER, VORPAGEL, WITTKÉ and ZIMMERMAN. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** deposits into the unemployment reserve fund.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Deposits into unemployment reserve fund

Current law provides four schedules of unemployment insurance contribution (tax) rates, with Schedule D containing the lowest rates and Schedule A containing the highest. Which schedule is in effect for a given calendar year depends on the cash balance of the state's unemployment reserve fund as of the preceding June 30. Schedule D, which is in effect in calendar year 2021, is otherwise in effect for any calendar year whenever, as of the preceding June 30, the state's unemployment reserve fund has a cash balance of at least \$1,200,000,000. If the state's unemployment reserve fund has a cash balance of less than \$1,200,000,000, then one of the three other schedules applies, depending on the fund's cash balance.

This bill requires the governor to allocate federal moneys provided to this state, including moneys provided under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for one or more deposits into the state unemployment reserve fund, to the extent that the deposits are needed to keep Schedule D of the unemployment insurance contribution (tax) rates in effect through the end of calendar year 2023.

For further information see the state and local 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:

SENATE BILL 276**SECTION 9150****1 SECTION 9150. Nonstatutory provisions; Workforce Development.**

2 (1) DEPOSITS INTO UNEMPLOYMENT RESERVE FUND.

3 (a) *Definition.* In this subsection, “fund” has the meaning given in s. 108.02
4 (16).

5 (b) *Deposits into fund.* The governor shall, to the extent permitted under
6 federal law, allocate moneys the governor accepts from the federal government under
7 s. 16.54, including moneys accepted pursuant to section 602 of the federal Social
8 Security Act as amended by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L.
9 117-2, for one or more deposits into the fund as are needed to ensure that Schedule
10 D under s. 108.18 (4) remains in effect through the end of calendar year 2023.

11 (END)