



2009 SENATE BILL 277

August 26, 2009 - Introduced by Senators KREITLOW and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives SMITH, JORGENSEN, BERCEAU, TURNER, PETROWSKI, CLARK, BROOKS, VRUWINK and GOTTLIEB. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 86.31 (2) (b); and **to create** 86.31 (2) (cm) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** costs eligible for reimbursement under the Local Roads
3 Improvement Program administered by the Department of Transportation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) administers a Local Roads Improvement Program (program) to assist counties, cities, villages, and towns (political subdivisions) in improving seriously deteriorating local roads. Under the program, DOT may reimburse a political subdivision for up to 50 percent of the eligible costs of a completed improvement. An "improvement" is defined to include a highway construction project with a projected design life of at least ten years. With limited exceptions, improvements are eligible for reimbursement under the program only if they are made under contract awarded on the basis of competitive bidding.

Under this bill, a qualified, registered professional engineer employed by a political subdivision may perform engineering work for an improvement of the political subdivision and this engineering work is eligible for reimbursement under the program.

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:

