



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2015 SENATE BILL 659

February 1, 2016 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT and C. LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives STUCK, SHANKLAND, BERCEAU, BILLINGS, BROSTOFF, DOYLE, GOYKE, JOHNSON, JORGENSEN, KESSLER, KOLSTE, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

1     **AN ACT to create** 19.475 of the statutes; **relating to:** disclosing information  
2             about executive branch appointments.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires each executive officer to submit information to the Ethics Commission regarding each appointment made by that officer. The bill requires that the officer disclose whether the appointee is related to the officer, any head of a state agency, any member of the officer's staff, any political party officer, or any elected official. The bill also requires that the officer disclose whether the appointee has a social relationship with the officer, whether the appointee has made contributions to the governor, whether the appointee has entered into any contracts with the state, and whether the officer has previously appointed the appointee to other offices.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 19.475 of the statutes is created to read:  
4             **19.475 Disclosure of executive branch appointments.** (1) Each executive  
5     branch officer shall submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the  
6     commission, all of the following information about any individual appointed by the  
7     officer:

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1 (a) The appointee's name, address, occupation, and employer.

2 (b) An indication of whether the appointee is related to the officer and, if so, the  
3 degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).

4 (c) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any other executive  
5 branch officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship  
6 under s. 990.001 (16).

7 (d) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any member of the  
8 officer's staff, including campaign staff and advisors, and, if so, the name of the  
9 related individual and the degree of kinship under s. 990.001 (16).

10 (e) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any political party  
11 officer and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of kinship under  
12 s. 990.001 (16).

13 (f) An indication of whether the appointee is related to any individual holding  
14 an elective office and, if so, the name of the related individual and the degree of  
15 kinship under s. 990.001 (16).

16 (g) An indication of whether the appointee has a social relationship with the  
17 officer and, if so, the nature of that relationship.

18 (h) The amount of any contributions that the appointee made to the governor  
19 or governor's candidate committee during the year in which the officer appoints the  
20 individual and during each of the 4 years preceding the appointment.

21 (i) An indication of whether the appointee has entered into any contracts with  
22 the state and, if so, a description of those contracts.

23 (j) A description of any other offices to which the officer, governor, or other  
24 executive branch officer has appointed the appointee in the 5 years preceding the  
25 most recent appointment.

