



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 1175

March 10, 2022 - Introduced by Representative HAYWOOD, cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **AN ACT to create** 13.205 and 20.765 (1) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** interns  
2 employed by assembly and senate offices and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill authorizes the employment of one paid intern in each assembly office and up to two paid interns in each senate office. Each intern must be at least 18 years old, be enrolled in an institution of higher education, and come from a household whose income does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty line based on family size. Under the bill, each intern must be paid a stipend of at least \$15 per hour, which may be paid for up to 20 hours per week of work for work performed during certain periods set forth in the bill that correspond to the academic school year. Under the bill, the stipend is required to be disregarded in establishing household income for purposes of obtaining public benefits under any state program.

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.** 13.205 of the statutes is created to read:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1175****SECTION 1**

1           **13.205 Equal opportunity intern program.** (1) In this section,  
2 “low-income household” means a household having an income that does not exceed  
3 300 percent of the federal poverty line based on family size.

4           (2) Each assembly office may employ one intern and each senate office may  
5 employ up to 2 interns under this section, subject to all of the following requirements:

6           (a) Each intern shall be at least 18 years old, be enrolled in an institution of  
7 higher education, and come from a low-income household.

8           (b) Each intern shall be paid a stipend of at least \$15 per hour for services  
9 provided to the legislator. The stipend may be paid for up to 20 hours per week of  
10 work under par. (d). The stipend shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.765

11 (1) (c).

12           (c) The stipend an intern receives under par. (b) shall be disregarded in  
13 establishing household income for purposes of obtaining public benefits under any  
14 state program.

15           (d) A stipend may be paid to an intern under this section only for work  
16 performed during the following terms:

17           1. In each odd-numbered year, a 16-week spring term beginning on the 2nd  
18 Monday in January, a 10-week summer term beginning on the first Monday in June,  
19 and a 16-week fall term beginning on the day after Labor Day.

20           2. In each even-numbered year, a 16-week spring term beginning on the 2nd  
21 Monday in January.

22           **SECTION 2.** 20.765 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

23           20.765 (1) (c) *Stipend for interns.* A sum sufficient for the intern stipend paid  
24 under s. 13.205 (2) (b).

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(END)