## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 648

October 27, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Harsdorf, Hanson, Underheim, Baldwin, Bock, Plache, Dobyns, R. Young, Goetsch, Baldus, Plombon, Hahn, Wirch, La Fave, Olsen, Nass, Springer, Ott, Silbaugh, Wasserman, Ladwig, Klusman, Ainsworth, F. Lasee, Freese and Wilder, cosponsored by Senators Chvala, Buettner, Moen, Clausing, Cowles, Decker and Burke. Referred to Committee on Labor and Employment.

AN ACT to amend 230.80 (4) of the statutes; relating to: covering the University
of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority under laws prohibiting
retaliatory action by a governmental employer against employes for disclosing
certain information.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any association, authority, board, commission, department, independent agency, institution, office, society or other state governmental body created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any state law, other than the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinic Authority, is prohibited from taking retaliatory action against an employe for disclosing information which the employe reasonably believes demonstrates a violation of any state or federal law or which an employe believes demonstrates mismanagement or abuse of authority in state or local government, a substantial waste of public funds or a danger to public health and safety.

This bill provides that the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority is included among those governmental bodies that are prohibited from taking retaliatory action against an employe for disclosing information which the employe reasonably believes demonstrates a violation of any state or federal law or which an employe believes demonstrates mismanagement or abuse of authority in state or local government, a substantial waste of public funds or a danger to public health and safety.

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**SECTION 1.** 230.80 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, is amended to read:

230.80 (4) "Governmental unit" means any association, authority, board, commission, department, independent agency, institution, office, society or other body in state government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature, the office of the governor and the courts. "Governmental unit" does not mean the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority or any political subdivision of the state or body within one or more political subdivisions which is created by law or by action of one or more political subdivisions.

11 (END)