

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 466

July 26, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives REYNOLDS, ZIEGELBAUER, BOYLE, CARPENTER, WASSERMAN, STASKUNAS, POWERS, J. LEHMAN, RYBA, GRONEMUS and HEBL, cosponsored by Senator HARS DORF. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 13.14 (3), 13.20 (1), 20.923 (6) (h) and 230.08 (2) (f) of the  
2           statutes; **relating to:** elimination of legislative partisan caucus staffs.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, the joint committee on legislative organization (JCLO) or either house of the legislature may employ such number of research staff assigned to legislative party caucuses as in the judgment of JCLO or the committee on organization of either house are necessary to enable it to perform its functions and duties and to best serve the people of this state. This bill deletes this authority and deauthorizes all positions that are currently assigned to legislative party caucuses beginning on July 1, 2002.

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

3           **SECTION 1.** 13.14 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4           13.14 (3) TRAVEL; LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL. The actual and necessary expenses  
5           of legislative policy research personnel, assistants to legislators, and research staff  
6           assigned to legislative committees and ~~party caucuses~~ incident to attending

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1 meetings outside the capital shall be reimbursed from the appropriation under s.  
2 20.765 (1) (a) or (b).

3 **SECTION 2.** 13.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 13.20 (1) NUMBER AND PAY RANGE OF LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES. The legislature or  
5 either house thereof may employ under the unclassified service such policy research  
6 personnel, assistants to legislators, and research staff assigned to legislative  
7 committees ~~and party caucuses~~ and such clerical, professional, or other assistants  
8 as in the judgment of the joint committee on legislative organization or the  
9 committee on organization in each house are necessary to enable it to perform its  
10 functions and duties and to best serve the people of this state, except that the  
11 legislature or a house thereof may not employ a person for, or assign a person to, a  
12 party caucus.

13 **SECTION 3.** 20.923 (6) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 20.923 (6) (h) Legislature: policy research personnel, assistants to legislators,  
15 research staff assigned to legislative committees ~~and party caucuses~~, and other  
16 persons employed under s. 13.20.

17 **SECTION 4.** 230.08 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 230.08 (2) (f) All legislative officers and, in addition, policy research personnel,  
19 assistants to legislators, research staff assigned to legislative committees ~~and party~~  
20 ~~caucuses~~, and other persons employed under s. 13.20.

21 **SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions; elimination of partisan caucus**  
22 **staffs.**

23 (1) (a) The authorized FTE positions for the assembly, funded from the  
24 appropriation under section 20.765 (1) (a) of the statutes, are decreased by 30.0 GPR  
25 positions on July 1, 2002, to eliminate staffing of party caucuses.

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1 (b) The authorized FTE positions for the senate, funded from the appropriation  
2 under section 20.765 (1) (b) of the statutes, are decreased by 24.0 GPR positions on  
3 July 1, 2002, to eliminate staffing of party caucuses.

4 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

5 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2002.

6 (END)