

## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 105

February 22, 2007 – Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 16.75 (1) (a) 1. and 16.82 (intro.); and *to create* 16.75 (10r) and  
2           16.82 (9) of the statutes; **relating to:** telephone company inquiry services by  
3           state agencies, authorities, and vendors.

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

This bill prohibits the Department of Administration (DOA), any agency to which DOA delegates purchasing authority, or any authorized legislative and judicial officer from entering into any contract or order to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, or services with an entity unless the entity maintains at least one telephone line that is staffed during its regular business hours by an individual who can respond to business inquiries.

The bill also directs DOA to ensure that each state agency and authority maintains at least one telephone line that is staffed during the regular business hours of the agency or authority by an individual who can respond to general inquiries relating to the functions of the agency and to refer callers to appropriate subunits and employees of the agency or authority.

Currently, there is no similar requirement.

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:***

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1           **SECTION 1.** 16.75 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           16.75 **(1)** (a) 1. All orders awarded or contracts made by the department for all  
3 materials, supplies, equipment, and contractual services to be provided to any  
4 agency, except as otherwise provided in par. (c) and subs. (2), (2g), (2m), (3m), (3t),  
5 (6), (7), (8), (9), ~~and (10m), and (10r)~~ and ss. 16.73 (4) (a), 16.751, 16.754, 50.05 (7) (f),  
6 153.05 (2m) (a), 287.15 (7), and 301.265, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible  
7 bidder, taking into consideration life cycle cost estimates under sub. (1m), when  
8 appropriate, the location of the agency, the quantities of the articles to be supplied,  
9 their conformity with the specifications, and the purposes for which they are  
10 required and the date of delivery.

11           **SECTION 2.** 16.75 (10r) of the statutes is created to read:

12           16.75 **(10r)** The department, any other designated purchasing agent under s.  
13 16.71 (1), any agency making purchases under s. 16.74, or any authority may not  
14 enter into any contract or order for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment,  
15 or contractual services with a person unless the person maintains at least one  
16 telephone line that is staffed during its regular business hours by an individual who  
17 is able to respond to general inquires relating to its regular business functions and  
18 who is able to refer callers to appropriate subunits and employees.

19           **SECTION 3.** 16.82 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           **16.82 Powers and duties of department of administration.** (intro.) In  
21 addition to other powers vested in and duties assigned to the department of  
22 administration, it and its duly authorized representatives:

23           **SECTION 4.** 16.82 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

24           16.82 **(9)** Shall ensure that each agency and authority, as defined in s. 16.70,  
25 maintains at least one telephone line that is staffed during the regular business

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1 hours of the agency or authority by an individual who is able to respond to general  
2 inquiries relating to the functions of the agency and to refer callers to appropriate  
3 subunits and employees of the agency or authority.

4 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

5 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after  
6 publication.

7 (END)