AN ACT to amend 16.47 (1); and to create 16.47 (1e) of the statutes; relating to: requirements for executive budget bill or bills.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires that the governor deliver a budget message to the legislature and submit to the legislature, for introduction by the Joint Committee on Finance, the executive budget bill or bills. This bill requires that the executive budget bill or bills may not authorize general purpose revenue expenditures in the succeeding fiscal biennium that exceed revenues and other moneys that the state is expected to receive in the succeeding fiscal biennium and that are deposited in the general fund.

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

SECTION 1. 16.47 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.47 (1) Except as provided in s. 16.529 (2), the executive budget bill or bills shall incorporate the governor’s recommendations for appropriations for the succeeding fiscal biennium and shall satisfy the condition under sub. (1e). The appropriation method shown in the bill or bills shall in no way affect the amount of
detail or manner of presentation which may be requested by the joint committee on finance. Appropriation requests may be divided into 3 allotments: personal services, other operating expenses and capital outlay or such other meaningful classifications as may be approved by the joint committee on finance.

SECTION 2. 16.47 (1e) of the statutes is created to read:

16.47 (1e) The executive budget bill or bills may not authorize expenditures in any year of the succeeding fiscal biennium that would cause, in any of those fiscal years, the amount of moneys designated as “Total Expenditures” in the summary under s. 20.005 (1) for that fiscal year, as published in the executive budget bill or bills, less any amounts transferred to the budget stabilization fund in that fiscal year, to exceed the sum of the amount of moneys designated as “Taxes” and “Departmental Revenues” in the summary under s. 20.005 (1) for that fiscal year, as published in the executive budget bill or bills.