AN ACT relating to: ratification of the agreement negotiated between the state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State Public Defenders Association, WFT/AFT, Local 4822, AFL-CIO, for the 2007–09 biennium, covering employees in the public defenders collective bargaining unit, and authorizing an expenditure of funds.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This proposal is introduced under section 111.92 (1) of the statutes. The proposal ratifies the collective bargaining contract for state employees in the public defenders collective bargaining unit negotiated for the 2007–09 biennium under the State Employment Labor Relations Act. Currently, statutory program supplement appropriations fund the costs of collective bargaining agreements to the extent that they exceed budgeted costs. The proposal authorizes expenditure of moneys from those appropriations to fund the cost of this agreement.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. Agreement ratified. The legislature ratifies the tentative agreement negotiated for the 2007–09 biennium between the state of Wisconsin, the office of state employment relations, and the Wisconsin State Public Defenders Association, WFT/AFT, Local 4822, AFL–CIO, covering employees in the public defenders collective bargaining unit under subchapter V of chapter 111 of the statutes, as approved by the employees of the public defenders collective bargaining unit and approved and recommended by the joint committee on employment relations, and authorizes the necessary expenditure of moneys for implementation from the appropriations made by section 20.865 (1) of the statutes, subject to section 20.865 (intro.) of the statutes. The director of the office of state employment relations shall file an official copy of the agreement, certified by the cochairpersons of the joint committee on employment relations, with the secretary of state. No formal or informal agreement between the parties that is not a part of the official copy is deemed to be approved by the legislature under this act.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the day following publication, except that those provisions specifically identified as having other effective dates in the agreement covering employees in the public defenders collective bargaining unit are effective on the dates provided in that agreement.