



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 621

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 621 establishes a job creation tax benefit for certain businesses that hire new full-time employees after February 3, 2010 and before January 1, 2011. A business is eligible for the tax benefit only if it employs no more than 10 employees during the taxable year for which the employer seeks to claim the tax benefit. The employees must meet specified criteria in order for the employer to receive the tax benefit. As drafted, the bill provides that an employer may retain as a tax benefit an amount equal to the increase in an employer's *payroll* for full-time employees in the year for which the benefit is claimed over the payroll for full-time employees in 2009, as long as the increase in payroll is attributable to hiring the new full-time employees (referred to in the bill as "eligible employees").

Senate Amendment 1 instead provides that the employer may retain as a tax benefit the amount of the *individual income taxes withheld* by the employer on behalf of the eligible employees.

Legislative History

On April 2, 2010, Senator Holperin introduced Senate Amendment 1. On April 7, 2010, the Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection adopted Senate Amendment 1, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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