March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives YOUNG, ZEPNICK, GRIGSBY, TURNER, KESSLER and BEWLEY, cosponsored by Senator LASSA. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

AN ACT to create 20.932 of the statutes; relating to: expenditure of moneys received by the state from court judgments and settlements.

 Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that if the state wins a money judgment or settlement in any action on behalf of the citizens of this state, all of the moneys received by the state from the court judgment or settlement, including any moneys that the judgment or settlement provides may be expended for discretionary purposes, may only be expended on purposes for which the action was originally commenced. Under current law, any discretionary moneys received by the state from court judgments or settlements may be expended for any purpose.

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

SECTION 1. 20.932 of the statutes is created to read:

20.932 Expenditure of moneys received from court judgments and settlements. If the state wins a money judgment or settlement in any action on behalf of the citizens of this state, all of the moneys received by the state from the court judgment or settlement, including any moneys that the judgment or settlement
provides may be expended for discretionary purposes, may only be expended on purposes for which the action was originally commenced.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to moneys received by the state on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)