2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 713

March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Representative KRUSICK. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

AN ACT to create 5.05 (16) and 39.55 of the statutes; relating to: disclosure of research funding by employees of certain institutions of higher education.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires every employee of an institution of the University of Wisconsin System or a private institution of higher education that receives state funds to disclose any research regarding a drug, device, product, or governmental program or policy that is conducted if the research is conducted using any state resources. The employee must annually disclose the amount and percentage of funding for the research that is provided by state sources, by federal sources, and by private sources on a form developed by the Governmental Accountability Board (board). The employee must send the completed form to the board. The bill requires the board to post a summary of each disclosure on a searchable Internet Web site.

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. 5.05 (16) of the statutes is created to read:

5.05 (16) RESEARCH FUNDING SOURCES FORM. (a) The board shall develop and make available to all employees of institutions of higher education without charge
the disclosure of research funding sources form that must be completed as required
under s. 39.55. The form shall require the employee to identify each state, federal,
and private source of funding for the research conducted by the employee and the
amount and percentage of funding from each state, federal, and private source. The
form shall require the employee to disclose anything of value that the employee or
a member of his or her family has received in the past 5 years, or has an expectation
of receiving, from any person that has an interest in the drug, device, product, or
governmental program or policy that is the subject of the research. The form shall
be in 16 point type.

(b) The form shall identify the manner in which the form shall be submitted
to the board.

(c) The board shall post a summary of each disclosure form submitted to the
board on a searchable Internet Web site maintained by the board along with a link
to each completed form.

**SECTION 2.** 39.55 of the statutes is created to read:

39.55  **Disclosure of research funding sources.** (1) In this section:

(a) “Institution of higher education” means an institution within the University
of Wisconsin System or a private educational institution located in this state that
awards a bachelor’s or higher degree or provides a program that is acceptable toward
such a degree and that receives funds from the state government.

(b) “Research” means any diligent and systematic inquiry regarding a drug,
device, product, or governmental program or policy that is conducted using any state
resources.

(2) Every employee of an institution of higher education who conducts any
research shall annually complete the disclosure of research funding sources form
described in sub. (4) to disclose the amount and percentage of funding for the
research that is provided by state sources, the amount and percentage of funding for
the research that is provided by federal sources, and the amount and percentage of
funding for the research that is provided by private sources.

(3) Every disclosure of research funding sources form completed under sub. (2)
shall be submitted annually to the government accountability board in the manner
described on the form.

(4) The disclosure of research funding sources form shall be created by the
government accountability board under s. 5.05 (16) and shall be available without
charge to every employee of an institution of higher education.

(5) Any individual who violates this section is guilty of a Class I felony.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.
(1) The treatment of section 39.55 of the statutes first applies to research
conducted on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 4. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month after publication.