



2011 SENATE BILL 356

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 186.113 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** the authority of credit
2 unions to make donations and grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law specifies various powers of credit unions. Among these powers, a credit union may make donations and grants, subject to the limitation that the total donations and grants may not exceed 0.5 percent of its regular reserves within the year.

This bill increases, from 0.5 percent to 1.0 percent, the limitation on the amount of donations and grants a credit union may make and requires that any donation or grant be approved by the credit union's board of directors based on a determination that the donation or grant is in the best interest of the credit union and is reasonable given the size and financial condition of the credit union.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 186.113 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 186.113 (8) DONATIONS. Make donations and grants, the total of which may not
5 exceed ~~0.5%~~ 1.0 percent of regular reserves within a given year, if the board of
6 directors approves any such donation or grant and the approval is based on a

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1 determination that the donation or grant is in the best interest of the credit union
2 and is reasonable given the size and financial condition of the credit union.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to donations and grants made on the effective date of
5 this subsection.

6 (END)