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2015 SENATE BILL 782

March 3, 2016 – Introduced by Senators HANSEN, RINGHAND, C. LARSON and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, OHNSTAD, BERCEAU, GENRICH, KAHL, KESSLER, SPREITZER, WACHS and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Commerce.

1 **AN ACT to create** 5.05 (18) and 20.511 (1) (bg) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 reporting fraud, waste, and mismanagement regarding the Wisconsin
3 Economic Development Corporation and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Ethics Commission to maintain a toll-free telephone number to receive reports of fraud, waste, and mismanagement regarding the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. The commission must relay such reports to the district attorney of the county where the alleged activity occurred for further investigation, if the commission finds the reports credible. If the district attorney conducts an investigation based on a call to the toll-free telephone number, the district attorney must submit a report of its investigation to the commission and to the legislature.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 5.05 (18) of the statutes is created to read:
5 5.05 (18) TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER. The commission shall maintain a
6 toll-free telephone number with voice mail to receive reports of fraud, waste, and

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1 mismanagement regarding the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. The
2 commission shall relay these reports to the district attorney of the county where the
3 alleged activity occurred for investigation, if the commission finds the reports
4 credible. If so relayed, the district attorney shall conduct the investigation and, in
5 a timely manner, submit a report to the commission and to the chief clerk of each
6 house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2). The
7 commission shall publicize the toll-free telephone number on the commission's
8 Internet site. The commission shall maintain records that permit the release of
9 information provided by informants while protecting the identity of the informant.
10 Any records maintained by the commission that relate to the identity of informants
11 shall be confidential, unless the informant expressly agrees to release the records.
12 Appearance in court as a witness shall not be considered consent by an informant to
13 release confidential records maintained by the commission.

14 **SECTION 2.** 20.511 (1) (bg) of the statutes is created to read:

15 20.511 (1) (bg) *Fraud, waste, and mismanagement hotline.* A sum sufficient
16 to maintain the toll-free telephone number under s. 5.05 (18) and to respond to calls
17 made to that number.

18 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

19 (1) This act takes effect on June 30, 2016.

20 (END)