2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 747

January 20, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives KAHL, WACHS, OHNSTAD, MILROY, GOYKE, SINICKI, KOLSTE and CONSIDINE, cosponsored by Senator HANSEN. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

AN ACT to amend 20.923 (2) (b); and to create 20.923 (2) (bm) and 115.28 (63) of the statutes; relating to: salaries of senators and representatives to the assembly.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits the salary for state legislators from increasing unless the average annual salary of first-year, full-time teachers is at least equal to the salary of state legislators. If the average annual salary of such teachers is at least equal to the salary of state legislators, then this bill restricts increases in salaries of state legislators to a percentage that is no greater than the percentage increase in average salaries for first-year, full-time teachers from the immediately preceding school year to the current school year.

For further information see the state and local 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. 20.923 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is amended to read:
20.923 (2) (b) The annual salary of each state senator, representative to the assembly, justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge, and circuit judge shall be reviewed and established in the same manner as provided for positions in the classified service under s. 230.12 (3).

SECTION 2. 20.923 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.923 (2) (bm) The annual salary of each state senator and representative to the assembly shall be reviewed and established in the same manner as provided for positions in the classified service under s. 230.12 (3), except that no annual salary of a state senator or representative to the assembly may be increased above the annual salary on the effective date of this paragraph .... [LRB inserts date], unless the average annual salary of first-year, full-time teachers, as determined under s. 115.28 (63) (a), is at least equal to the annual salary of a state senator or representative to the assembly and then it may be increased by a percentage that is no more than the percentage determined under s. 115.28 (63) (b).

SECTION 3. 115.28 (63) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (63) DETERMINE AVERAGE SALARY FOR FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS. (a) By December 1 of each even-numbered year, determine the average annual salary for first-year, full-time teachers in this state for the immediately preceding school year.

(b) By December 1 of each even-numbered year, determine the percentage change between the average annual salary determined under par. (a) and the average annual salary for first-year, full-time teachers in this state for the current school year.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.
(1) This act first applies to the annual salary of a senator or representative to the assembly during a term of office that commences in January 2017.