2015 SENATE BILL 278

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AN ACT to create 40.03 (6) (L) of the statutes; relating to: authorizing local government employees to participate in ancillary insurance coverage programs offered by the Group Insurance Board to state employees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Group Insurance Board (GIB), beginning on January 1, 2018, to permit public employers other than the state to participate in ancillary insurance coverage plans, such as dental or vision plans, that are offered by GIB to state employees. Under the bill, GIB must require the employers who participate in the plans to establish payroll deduction programs through which their employees must pay premiums for the ancillary coverage plans.

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. 40.03 (6) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

40.03 (6) (L) Shall permit employers other than the state to participate in ancillary coverage plans, such as dental or vision plans, that are offered by the group
insurance board to state employees. The group insurance board shall require the employers who participate in the plans to establish payroll deduction programs through which employees shall pay premiums for the ancillary coverage plans.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to ancillary coverage plans offered by the group insurance board on January 1, 2018.