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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 27,  
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1**

August 17, 2017 – Offered by Representatives OHNSTAD, STUCK, CROWLEY, FIELDS, SINICKI, BARCA, BERCEAU, BILLINGS, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, KESSLER, MASON, POPE, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER, VRUWINK, ZAMARRIPA, ZEPNICK and KOLSTE.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 2, line 6: after “program;” insert “creating a levy limits exception for  
3 a city or village containing such a zone;”.

4 **2.** Page 2, line 10: delete “ and making appropriations” and substitute “making  
5 appropriations; and providing a penalty”.

6 **3.** Page 11, line 4: substitute “30,000,000” for “10,000,000”.

7 **4.** Page 15, line 24: after that line insert:

8 “**SECTION 18s.** 66.0602 (3) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

9 66.0602 (3) (m) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., the limit otherwise applicable  
10 under this section does not apply to a city or village that contains an electronics and

1 information technology manufacturing zone that is designated under s. 238.396  
2 (1m).

3 2. Subdivision 1. does not apply after the first day of the 204th month beginning  
4 after the creation of an electronics and information technology manufacturing  
5 zone.”.

6 **5.** Page 22, line 25: after “claimant” insert “, not including zone payroll for  
7 employees acquired by the claimant as a result of a merger or acquisition”.

8 **6.** Page 23, line 1: delete that line and substitute:

9 “2m. Multiply the amount determined under subd. 1. by a percentage  
10 determined as follows:

11 a. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, and before January  
12 1, 2022, if the claimant employs at least 1,000 individuals in this state during the  
13 taxable year, 17 percent.

14 b. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, if the claimant  
15 employs at least 13,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 17 percent;  
16 if the claimant employs at least 12,000, but less than 13,000 individuals in this state  
17 during the taxable year, 16 percent; if the claimant employs at least 11,000, but less  
18 than 12,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 15 percent; if the  
19 claimant employs at least 10,000, but less than 11,000 individuals in this state  
20 during the taxable year, 14 percent; if the claimant employs at least 9,000, but less  
21 than 10,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 13 percent; if the  
22 claimant employs at least 8,000, but less than 9,000 individuals in this state during  
23 the taxable year, 12 percent; if the claimant employs at least 7,000, but less than  
24 8,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 11 percent; if the claimant

1 employs at least 6,000, but less than 7,000 individuals in this state during the  
2 taxable year, 10 percent; if the claimant employs at least 5,000, but less than 6,000  
3 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 9 percent; if the claimant employs  
4 at least 4,000, but less than 5,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year,  
5 8 percent; if the claimant employs at least 3,000, but less than 4,000 individuals in  
6 this state during the taxable year, 7 percent; and if the claimant employs less than  
7 3,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, zero percent.”.

8 **7.** Page 27, line 5: after “claimant” insert “, not including zone payroll for  
9 employees acquired by the claimant as a result of a merger or acquisition”.

10 **8.** Page 27, line 6: delete that line and substitute:

11 “2m. Multiply the amount determined under subd. 1. by a percentage  
12 determined as follows:

13 a. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, and before January  
14 1, 2022, if the claimant employs at least 1,000 individuals in this state during the  
15 taxable year, 17 percent.

16 b. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, if the claimant  
17 employs at least 13,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 17 percent;  
18 if the claimant employs at least 12,000, but less than 13,000 individuals in this state  
19 during the taxable year, 16 percent; if the claimant employs at least 11,000, but less  
20 than 12,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 15 percent; if the  
21 claimant employs at least 10,000, but less than 11,000 individuals in this state  
22 during the taxable year, 14 percent; if the claimant employs at least 9,000, but less  
23 than 10,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 13 percent; if the  
24 claimant employs at least 8,000, but less than 9,000 individuals in this state during

1 the taxable year, 12 percent; if the claimant employs at least 7,000, but less than  
2 8,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 11 percent; if the claimant  
3 employs at least 6,000, but less than 7,000 individuals in this state during the  
4 taxable year, 10 percent; if the claimant employs at least 5,000, but less than 6,000  
5 individuals in this state during the taxable year, 9 percent; if the claimant employs  
6 at least 4,000, but less than 5,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year,  
7 8 percent; if the claimant employs at least 3,000, but less than 4,000 individuals in  
8 this state during the taxable year, 7 percent; and if the claimant employs less than  
9 3,000 individuals in this state during the taxable year, zero percent.”.

10 **9.** Page 29, line 15: after “Corporation.” insert “A person who enters into a  
11 contract with the corporation under s. 238.396 (1m) may not claim the exemption  
12 under this subsection in 2022 or in any year thereafter during the period covered by  
13 the contract unless the person employs at least 13,000 individuals in this state in  
14 2022 and in each year thereafter during the period covered by the contract. A person  
15 who claims the exemption under this subsection and who does not maintain the  
16 employment described in this subsection, shall repay to the department the amount  
17 of the sales and use taxes the person would have paid if not for this exemption.”.

18 **10.** Page 35, line 12: after “zone.” insert “The zone shall be coterminous with  
19 not more than one county in this state.”.

20 **11.** Page 36, line 2: after “zone.” insert “The corporation may not certify more  
21 than one business under this subsection unless the business is an affiliate of a  
22 business already certified under this subsection. The corporation may certify a  
23 business for tax benefits for activities occurring in this state outside of the zone if the

1 activities are for the benefit of the operations within the zone, as determined by the  
2 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.”.

3 **12.** Page 36, line 3: after “EXPENDITURES.” insert “(a)”.

4 **13.** Page 36, line 6: after “zone” insert “and the expenditure is made before  
5 January 1, 2022”.

6 **14.** Page 36, line 7: delete “a period of 7 years” and substitute “the effective  
7 period of the zone under sub. (2)”.

8 **15.** Page 36, line 10: after that line insert:

9 “(b) Notwithstanding par. (a), if a business fails to employ at least 13,000  
10 full-time employees in this state on January 1, 2022, the corporation may certify the  
11 business to receive additional tax benefits under par. (a) in an amount to be  
12 determined by the corporation, but not exceeding 10 percent of the business’s capital  
13 expenditures.”.

14 **16.** Page 36, line 23: after that line insert:

15 “4g. Fails to employ at least 1,000 full-time employees in this state on  
16 December 31, 2018.

17 4r. Fails to employ at least 3,000 full-time employees in this state on January  
18 1, 2022, or at any time thereafter during the effective period of the zone under sub.  
19 (2).

20 (ab) Except as provided in par. (am), a business whose certification is revoked  
21 under par. (a) shall be required to repay all tax benefits the business has claimed  
22 under that certification and in addition shall be required to forfeit an amount equal  
23 to 10 percent of the total amount of that certification.

1 (am) If the corporation revokes a certification under par. (a) 4r., the corporation  
2 shall revoke all of the business's certifications under subs. (3) and (3m) and the  
3 business shall repay all tax benefits the business has already claimed. The  
4 corporation and the department of revenue shall share information necessary to  
5 administer this paragraph.”.

6 **17.** Page 36, line 24: substitute “shall” for “may”.

7 **18.** Page 37, line 7: after that line insert:

8 “(dm) The corporation shall annually verify the number of full-time employees  
9 that a certified business employs in this state, including by comparing the business's  
10 payroll records with records of the department of workforce development concerning  
11 relevant unemployment insurance claims and layoff notices.”.

12 **19.** Page 37, line 12: after that line insert:

13 “(hg) The corporation shall contract with a business certified under sub. (3).  
14 Once a contract is executed under this paragraph, it may not be amended.

15 (hr) The contract under par. (hg) shall require the business to repay all tax  
16 benefits the business has claimed for each job that the business eliminates as a result  
17 of the business's automation or outsourcing.”.

18 **20.** Page 37, line 16: after that line insert:

19 “**(6)** PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. (a) In this subsection,  
20 “local governmental unit” has the meaning given in s. 16.297 (1).

21 (b) If a business certified by the corporation under sub. (3) substantially ceases  
22 operations, as determined by the corporation, in an electronics and information  
23 technology manufacturing zone while the zone is in effect under sub. (2), the business  
24 shall pay 30 percent of the principal and interest of a local governmental unit's

1 obligation if the obligation was issued to finance costs related to development  
2 occurring in or for the benefit of the zone.”.

3 (END)