2017 SENATE BILL 692


AN ACT to amend 16.008 (2) and 24.61 (2) (cm) (intro.); and to create 13.48 (10)

(b) 7. and 24.61 (2) (d) of the statutes; relating to: investments by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in office space for state use (at the request of the state treasurer).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) manages the common school fund, the normal school fund, the university fund, and the agricultural college fund (trust funds). Currently, BCPL has limited authority to invest trust fund moneys in land. Specifically, BCPL may invest these moneys in the purchase of land in this state only if 1) the land is within an applicable consolidation area approved by BCPL; 2) the total acreage of public lands managed by BCPL does not exceed the total acreage of public lands managed by BCPL on May 3, 2006; 3) the moneys invested are derived from the sale of public lands; and 4) the purchase of the land will improve timberland management, address forest fragmentation, or increase public access to the land.

Under this bill, BCPL may also invest trust fund moneys in the acquisition of land and the construction, acquisition, improvement, and maintenance of buildings, structures, and facilities for the primary purpose of leasing space for the housing of state departments and agencies. Acquisition of a property or construction of a building, structure, or facility must be approved by three-fourths of the building commission.
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. 13.48 (10) (b) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

13.48 (10) (b) 7. Projects of the board of commissioners of public lands under s. 24.61 (2) (d).

SECtion 2. 16.008 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.008 (2) The state shall pay for extraordinary police services provided directly to state facilities, as defined in s. 70.119 (3) (e), in response to a request of a state officer or agency responsible for the operation and preservation of such facilities. The board of commissioners of public lands shall pay for extraordinary police services provided to property of the board acquired under s. 24.61 (2) (d). The University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority shall pay for extraordinary police services provided to facilities of the authority described in s. 70.11 (38). The Fox River Navigational System Authority shall pay for extraordinary police services provided to the navigational system, as defined in s. 237.01 (5). Municipalities or counties that provide extraordinary police services to state facilities may submit claims to the claims board for actual additional costs related to wage and disability payments, pensions and worker’s compensation payments, damage to equipment and clothing, replacement of expendable supplies, medical and transportation expense, and other necessary expenses. The clerk of the municipality or county submitting a claim shall also transmit an itemized statement of charges and a statement that identifies the facility served and the person who requested the
services. The board shall obtain a review of the claim and recommendations from the agency responsible for the facility prior to proceeding under s. 16.007 (3), (5), and (6).

**SECTION 3.** 24.61 (2) (cm) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24.61 (2) (cm) Investments in land in this state. (intro.) The Except as provided in par. (d), the board may not invest moneys in the purchase of any land under par. (a) unless all of the following occur:

**SECTION 4.** 24.61 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

24.61 (2) (d) Investments in office space. 1. Subject to subd. 2., the board may acquire lands and construct, acquire, improve, and maintain buildings, structures, and facilities for the primary purpose of leasing space for the housing of state departments and agencies.

2. The board may not acquire any property or construct any building, structure, or facility under subd. 1. unless the acquisition or construction is approved by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of all the members of the building commission.

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