February 23, 2022 - Introduced by Senator STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representative GUNDERM. Referred to Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform.

**AN ACT to amend** 102.07 (8) (a); and **to create** 102.07 (8) (bw), 104.01 (2) (b) 6. and 108.02 (15) (j) 8. of the statutes; **relating to:** participants in clinical research trials.

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

This bill provides that for the purposes of the minimum wage law and worker’s compensation law an individual who is a participant in a clinical research trial and receives remuneration, a stipend, or compensation for participating in the trial is not an employee of the entity that conducts the trial. The bill also provides that such services are not considered covered employment under the unemployment insurance (UI) law. As a consequence, amounts paid by employers for those services are not subject to UI contribution requirements and those wages are not counted as base period wages for purposes of determining eligibility for UI benefits.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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**The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** 102.07 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

102.07 (8) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) and (bm), and (bw), every independent contractor is, for the purpose of this chapter, an employee of any
employee under this chapter for whom he or she is performing service in the course
of the trade, business, profession or occupation of such employer at the time of the
injury.

SECTION 2. 102.07 (8) (bw) of the statutes is created to read:

102.07 (8) (bw) An individual who receives remuneration, a stipend, or
compensation for being a participant in a clinical research trial is not an employee
of the entity conducting the clinical research trial.

SECTION 3. 104.01 (2) (b) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

104.01 (2) (b) 6. Any individual who receives remuneration, a stipend, or
compensation for being a participant in a clinical research trial.

SECTION 4. 108.02 (15) (j) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

108.02 (15) (j) 8. By an individual who receives remuneration, a stipend, or
compensation for being a participant in a clinical research trial.

SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of s. 108.02 (15) (j) 8. first applies to services performed on
the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 6. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect the Sunday after publication.