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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 565

October 16, 2001 - Offered by Representatives REYNOLDS and BOYLE.

AN ACT to amend 13.14 (3), 13.20 (1), 20.923 (6) (h) and 230.08 (2) (f) of the statutes; relating to: elimination of legislative partisan caucus staffs.

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

SECTION 1. 13.14 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.14 (3) Travel; legislative personnel. The actual and necessary expenses of legislative policy research personnel, assistants to legislators, and research staff assigned to legislative committees and party caucuses incident to attending meetings outside the capital shall be reimbursed from the appropriation under s. $20.765 \, (1) \, (a) \, \text{or} \, (b)$.

Section 2. 13.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.20 (1) Number and pay range of legislative employees. The legislature or either house thereof may employ under the unclassified service such policy research

personnel, assistants to legislators, <u>and</u> research staff assigned to legislative committees and party caucuses and such clerical, professional, or other assistants as in the judgment of the joint committee on legislative organization or the committee on organization in each house are necessary to enable it to perform its functions and duties and to best serve the people of this state, except that the legislature or a house thereof may not employ a person for, or assign a person to, a party caucus.

SECTION 3. 20.923 (6) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.923 **(6)** (h) Legislature: policy research personnel, assistants to legislators, research staff assigned to legislative committees and party caucuses, and other persons employed under s. 13.20.

SECTION 4. 230.08 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

230.08 (2) (f) All legislative officers and, in addition, policy research personnel, assistants to legislators, research staff assigned to legislative committees and party eaucuses, and other persons employed under s. 13.20.

Section 5. Nonstatutory provisions; elimination of partisan caucus staffs.

- (1) (a) The authorized FTE positions for the assembly, funded from the appropriation under section 20.765 (1) (a) of the statutes, are decreased on January 1, 2002, by the number equal to the number of FTE positions assigned to the assembly party caucuses on September 1, 2001, minus 3.0, to eliminate staffing of party caucuses in the assembly.
- (b) The authorized FTE positions for the senate, funded from the appropriation under section 20.765 (1) (b) of the statutes, are decreased on January 1, 2002, by the number equal to the number of FTE positions assigned to the senate party caucuses

- on September 1, 2001, minus 3.0, to eliminate staffing of party caucuses in the senate.
- 3 Section 6. Effective date.
- 4 (1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2002.
- 5 (END)