



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Hamer, BB0362 - Assistant State Public Defender Merit  
Compensation

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

***Merit pay raises for state public defenders***

Under current law, there is an assistant state public defender pay progression plan, which consists of 17 hourly salary steps, with each step equal to one-seventeenth of the difference between the lowest hourly salary and the highest hourly salary. The plan provides that no salary adjustment under the plan may increase an assistant state public defender's salary by more than 10 percent of his or her base pay during a fiscal year.

This bill allows the state public defender board to provide merit-based pay raises under the assistant state public defender pay progression plan in fiscal year 2022 that may exceed 10 percent of an assistant state public defender's base pay for assistant state public defenders who were employed by the state public defender board before July 1, 2021.

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

**SECTION 9133. Nonstatutory provisions; Public Defender Board.**

(1) ASSISTANT STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER MERIT-BASED PAY RAISES. Notwithstanding s. 230.12 (11) (c), from the appropriation under s. 20.550 (1) (a), the public defender board may provide merit-based pay raises under the assistant state public defender pay progression plan under s. 230.12 (11) to increase the base pay of assistant public defenders who were employed by the public defender board before July 1, 2021, in fiscal year 2022. Notwithstanding s. 230.12 (11) (c), a salary adjustment for an assistant state public defender under this subsection may exceed 10 percent of his or her base pay during a fiscal year.

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