



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1045/P1

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0124 - General obligation refunding authority

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE FINANCE

Refunding certain general obligation debt

The bill increases from \$11,235,000,000 to \$12,835,000,000 the amount of state public debt that may be contracted to refund any unpaid indebtedness used to finance tax-supported or self-amortizing facilities. The unpaid indebtedness includes unpaid premium and interest amounts. Under current law, the Building Commission may not incur public debt for refunding purposes unless the true interest costs to the state can be reduced.

For further information see the state 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. 20.866 (2) (xm) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.866 (2) (xm) *Building commission; refunding tax-supported and self-amortizing general obligation debt.* From the capital improvement fund, a sum sufficient to refund the whole or any part of any unpaid indebtedness used to finance tax-supported or self-amortizing facilities. In addition to the amount that may be contracted under par. (xe), the state may contract public debt in an amount not to exceed ~~\$7,510,000,000~~ \$12,835,000,000 for this purpose. ~~The state may contract additional public debt in an amount up to \$2,000,000,000 for this purpose.~~
~~The state may contract additional public debt in an amount up to \$1,725,000,000~~

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~~for this purpose.~~ Such indebtedness shall be construed to include any premium and interest payable with respect thereto. Debt incurred by this paragraph shall be repaid under the appropriations providing for the retirement of public debt incurred for tax-supported and self-amortizing facilities in proportional amounts to the purposes for which the debt was refinanced. No moneys may be expended under this paragraph unless the true interest costs to the state can be reduced by the expenditure.

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