

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 1188

April 21, 2006 – Introduced by Representatives Pettis, Gundrum, J. Fitzgerald, Davis, Krawczyk, Gunderson, Hahn, Meyer, Lehman, Moulton, Nischke, Parisi, Shilling, Staskunas, Towns, Turner, Jeskewitz, Kreuser, Pope-Roberts, M. Williams, Wood, Vruwink, Benedict, Nelson and Van Akkeren, cosponsored by Senator Roessler. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 AN ACT to create 230.40 (5m) of the statutes; relating to: payment of health

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insurance premiums for state employees who take certain leaves of absence.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, for state employees, health insurance premiums are generally paid two months prior to the time that the employees actually receive the coverage. A state employee who terminates state employment or who takes a leave of absence therefore receives paid health insurance coverage for at least two months after his or her date of separation from employment. Currently, most of the premium cost for state employee health care coverage the state pays.

This bill provides that any state employee who takes a leave of absence may not receive during the leave of absence any health insurance coverage, the premiums of which are paid in whole or in part by the state, if during any part of the leave of absence the employee is a candidate for a partisan political office or a nonpartisan state elected office or the employee is employed by a political party, candidate, or political committee.

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. 230.40 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

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1	230.40 (5m) (a) A classified or unclassified employee who takes a leave of
2	absence may not receive during the leave of absence any health insurance coverage
3	under subch. IV of ch. 40, the premiums of which are paid in whole or in part by the
4	state, if any of the following occur:
5	1. During any part of the leave of absence the employee is a candidate for a
6	partisan political office or a nonpartisan state elected office.
7	2. During any part of the leave of absence the employee is employed by a
8	candidate for a partisan political office or a nonpartisan state elected office, a
9	political party, as defined in s. 5.02 (13), or by a committee, as defined in s. 11.01 (4).
10	(b) An employee described under par. (a) 1. or 2. may elect to continue to receive
11	the health insurance coverage under subch. IV of ch. 40 that he or she received
12	immediately before taking a leave of absence by paying the entire premium cost for
13	the health insurance coverage.
14	SECTION 2. Initial applicability.
15	(1) This act first applies to state employees who begin leaves of absence on the
16	effective date of this subsection.
17	(END)

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