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### Excess General Obligation Bonding Authority (Building Commission)

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#### CURRENT LAW

The specific purposes for which general obligation debt may be contracted are authorized by the Legislature. The Legislature has authorized \$16.1 billion in general obligation debt since 1970. As of December, 2004, Wisconsin had approximately \$4.87 billion of general obligation and commercial paper obligations outstanding, which represents the principal amount of debt that remained to be paid from issuing approximately \$13.9 billion of general obligation bonds and commercial paper to that date.

#### BUILDING COMMISSION

No provision.

#### MODIFICATION

Decrease existing program revenue supported general obligation bonding by \$17,696,300 from the following bonding authorizations: (a) \$3,162,500 in University of Wisconsin System self amortizing facilities bonding; and (b) \$12,517,200 in Building Commission housing state agencies and departments bonding; and (c) \$2,016,600 in the State Historical Society self amortizing facilities bonding.

In addition, delete \$870,000 in existing bonding authorized to refund debt issued by the old Building Corporations.

**Explanation:** Based on information from staff at the Department of Administration, the program revenue supported general obligation bonding authority is no longer needed because either the project for which the funds were initially provided has been completed or the Building Commission has decided an alternative direction for a project. The refunding

authority relating to old Building Corporation debt is no longer needed because all of the outstanding Building Corporation debt has been retired.

<u>Modification</u>	<u>BR</u>
2005-07 REVENUE (Change to Bill)	- \$18,566,300

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