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Convert 1.0 Classified Position to an Unclassified Position (DWD)

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CURRENT LAW

Under 2011 Wisconsin Act 10, 2.0 PR classified positions were transferred into the unclassified service to serve as division administrators in the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). As a result, the number of unclassified positions authorized for DWD under current law increased from six to eight. Act 10 also redefined the term “administrators” to include “other managerial positions determined by an appointing authority” renamed as chief legal advisors, communications directors, or legislative advisors. Individuals appointed to these unclassified positions serve as at will employees of the agency head.

GOVERNOR

Convert 1.0 additional PR classified position to an unclassified position under DWD’s administrative services appropriation. The Department reports that the converted position would be a legislative advisor. Specify that there would be seven division administrators in DWD. [With the Act 10 provisions, DWD would actually have nine unclassified division administrators.]

MODIFICATION

Adopt a technical amendment to specify that the number of division administrators authorized under the budget bill would increase to nine.

Explanation: The administration indicates that the intent of Act 10 was to convert 3.0 (rather than 2.0) classified positions to unclassified positions in DWD. Most of the larger state agencies had 3.0 positions converted under Act 10. The biennial budget provision would convert an additional position in DWD to achieve the intent of Act 10, but a technical correction is needed to specify that DWD would have a total of nine division administrators.

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