



2011 SENATE BILL 153

July 15, 2011 – Introduced by Senator WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives VOS, NYGREN, THIESFELDT, SPANBAUER and BROOKS. Referred to Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 40.51 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** permitting governmental
2 employers who are not participating employers in the Wisconsin Retirement
3 System to be covered in the local government health insurance plan offered by
4 the group insurance board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Group Insurance Board (GIB) offers a health insurance plan to local government employers and their employees. This bill specifically requires the GIB to offer this plan to local government employers who are not participating employers in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

For further information see the ***state and local*** 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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 40.51 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:
6 40.51 (7) Any employer, other than the state, may offer to all of its employees
7 a health care coverage plan through a program offered by the group insurance board.

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1 Notwithstanding sub. (2) and ss. 40.05 (4) and 40.52 (1), the department may by rule
2 establish different eligibility standards or contribution requirements for such
3 employees and employers and may by rule limit the categories of employers, other
4 than the state, which may be included as participating employers under this
5 subchapter. An employer that is not a participating employer may offer to its
6 employees the health care coverage plan under this subsection.

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(END)