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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2005 Assembly Bill 177</b>	<b>Senate Amendment 1</b>
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**Current law** prohibits the Legislature from adopting a bill if the bill would cause, in any fiscal year, the amount of moneys designated in the state budget's general fund condition statement [the summary of all state budget funds under s. 20.005 (1), Stats.] as "Total Expenditures" (general purpose revenue expenditures) for that fiscal year, minus any amounts transferred to the budget stabilization fund (the "rainy day" fund) in that fiscal year, to exceed the sum of the amount of moneys designated as "Taxes" and "Departmental Revenues" (revenues and other moneys that the state is expected to receive that are deposited in the general fund) for that fiscal year.

**Assembly Bill 177** applies a similar requirement to the Governor by prohibiting the executive budget bill or bills from authorizing expenditures in any year of the succeeding fiscal biennium that would cause, in any of those fiscal years, the amount of moneys designated in the general fund condition statement as "Total Expenditures" for that fiscal year, as published in the executive budget bill or bills, minus any amounts transferred to the budget stabilization fund in that fiscal year, to exceed the sum of the amount of moneys designated as "Taxes" and "Departmental Revenues" for that fiscal year, as published in the executive budget bill or bills.

**Senate Amendment 1** adds a nonstatutory provision that requires the Department of Administration to submit to the Joint Finance Committee by June 30, 2006, a report specifying proposed reductions for state fiscal year 2006-07 in specific appropriations to any board, commission, department, or the University of Wisconsin System, or to any other state agency or activity for general program operations or for programs that, in the aggregate, would decrease general program revenues funding by \$50,000,000. The amendment allows the Joint Finance Committee to approve or modify the report and to reduce accordingly, by \$50,000,000 in the aggregate, any appropriation made to any board, commission, department, or the University of Wisconsin System, or to any other state agency or activity. If the Joint Finance Committee makes such a reduction in appropriations, the amendment prohibits the Secretary of Administration from releasing or drawing a warrant in payment of any amount exceeding the reduced appropriations.

**Legislative History**

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senators Cowles, Ellis, Darling, Zien, and Brown. On March 9, 2006, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 and concurred in Assembly Bill 177 as amended, with both actions taken on votes of Ayes, 20; Noes, 13.

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