



2011 SENATE BILL 52

April 1, 2011 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, HANSEN, HOLPERIN, VINEHOUT, JAUCH, MILLER, TAYLOR and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, VRUWINK, CLARK and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 238.27 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring the Wisconsin
2 Economic Development Corporation to issue bonds and notes to raise capital for
3 investment by venture capital funds in Wisconsin businesses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (corporation) to issue bonds and notes to raise not more than \$100,000,000 for investment in Wisconsin businesses on behalf of the corporation by up to ten venture capital funds. The corporation must provide the capital to venture capital funds that agree to invest the capital on behalf of the corporation in Wisconsin businesses in various industry sectors and in different stages of development; to require a business in which the capital is to be invested to raise funds from sources other than the state or the corporation in an amount equal to four times the amount of capital to be invested on behalf of the corporation; and to maintain offices, staff, and investment in this state.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 238.27 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **238.27 Wisconsin growth initiative.** The corporation shall implement a
6 program to issue bonds and notes to raise capital for investment in Wisconsin

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1 businesses on behalf of the corporation by up to 10 venture capital funds. The
2 program may not raise more than a total of \$100,000,000, and may not raise funds
3 after December 31, 2016. The corporation shall provide the capital raised under the
4 program to venture capital funds that agree to do all of the following:

5 (1) Invest the capital on behalf of the corporation in Wisconsin businesses in
6 various industry sectors and in different stages of development.

7 (2) Require a business in which the capital is to be invested to raise funds from
8 sources other than the state or the corporation in an amount equal to 4 times the
9 amount of capital to be invested on behalf of the corporation.

10 (3) Maintain offices, staff, and investment in this state.

11 (END)