



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 227

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 13.121 (4); and **to create** 13.121 (5) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** sick leave for state legislators.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, state legislators and state employees are generally entitled to receive paid sick leave as part of their compensation. If a state legislator or employee does not use all of his or her sick leave during a calendar year, he or she may accumulate unused sick leave from year to year in a sick leave account. Generally, if a state legislator leaves office or a state employee terminates employment and meets certain conditions related to age or years of employment, his or her accumulated unused sick leave may be converted, at his or her highest basic pay rate, to credits for the payment of postretirement health insurance premiums under a health insurance plan administered by the Group Insurance Board.

This bill provides that no state legislator may accrue any new sick leave as a state legislator during any term of office that begins after the bill's effective date. The bill does not affect any sick leave accrued by a state legislator during a term of office that began before the bill's effective date.

For further information see the state 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:

ASSEMBLY BILL 227**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 13.121 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 13.121 (4) INSURANCE. For the purpose of premium determinations under s.
3 40.05 (4) and (5) each member of the legislature shall accrue sick leave at a rate
4 equivalent to a percentage of time worked recommended for such positions by the
5 administrator of the division of personnel management in the department of
6 administration and approved by the joint committee on employment relations in the
7 same manner as compensation for such positions is determined under s. 20.923,
8 except as provided in sub. (5). This percentage of time worked shall be applied to the
9 sick leave accrual rate established under s. 230.35 (2). The approved percentage
10 shall be incorporated into the compensation plan under s. 230.12 (1).

11 **SECTION 2.** 13.121 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

12 13.121 (5) SICK LEAVE. No member of the legislature may accrue any new sick
13 leave as a member of the legislature during any term of office that begins after the
14 effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date]. Nothing in this subsection
15 affects any sick leave accrued by a member of the legislature during a term of office
16 that began before the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date].

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(END)