



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 BILL

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 16.245 of the statutes; **relating to:** pursuing liens on federal
2 property if federal aid to the state is withheld under certain circumstances.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if the secretary of administration determines that federal aid to Wisconsin that was previously authorized under an act of Congress is being withheld under an executive order of the president of the United States or in contravention of a court order, the secretary must do all of the following:

1. Determine the approximate amount of federal aid the state is being or is expected to be deprived of as the result of the executive order or contravention of the court order.

2. No later than 60 days after the date of the executive order or court order, submit a report to the governor and the legislature that describes in detail the amount of federal aid the state is being or is expected to be deprived of as the result of the executive order or contravention of the court order and identifies properties located in the state that are owned by the federal government and upon which the state may obtain a lien.

3. Request the attorney general to obtain a lien on one or more of the identified properties in a total amount not to exceed the approximate amount of federal aid the state is being deprived of under the executive order or in contravention of the court order. The bill requires the attorney general to attempt to obtain each such lien.

4. Authorize the release of all liens obtained by the attorney general under the

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bill upon the state's receipt of all federal aid previously withheld under the executive order or in contravention of the court order.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 16.245 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **16.245 Frozen federal aid; liens on federal property.** If the secretary
3 determines that federal aid to this state that was previously authorized under an
4 act of Congress is being withheld under an executive order of the president of the
5 United States or in contravention of a court order, the secretary shall do all of the
6 following:

7 (1) Determine the approximate amount of federal aid this state is being or is
8 expected to be deprived of as the result of the executive order or contravention of the
9 court order.

10 (2) No later than 60 days after the date of the executive order or court order,
11 submit to the governor and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for
12 distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) a report that does all of the
13 following:

14 (a) Describes in detail the amount of federal aid this state is being or is
15 expected to be deprived of as the result of the executive order or contravention of the
16 court order, as determined under sub. (1).

17 (b) Identifies properties located in this state that are owned by the federal
18 government and upon which the state may obtain a lien.

19 (3) Request the attorney general to obtain a lien on one or more properties

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1 identified under sub. (2) (b) in a total amount not to exceed the approximate amount
2 of federal aid this state is being or is expected to be deprived of as the result of the
3 executive order or contravention of the court order, as determined under sub. (1).
4 The attorney general shall attempt to obtain each such lien on behalf of the
5 secretary in his or her official capacity.

6 (4) Authorize the release of all liens obtained by the attorney general under
7 sub. (3) upon the state's receipt of all federal aid previously withheld under the
8 executive order or in contravention of the court order.

9 (END)