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Standard Budget Adjustments (Government Accountability Board)

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CURRENT LAW

The Government Accountability Board (GAB) is charged with carrying out the state's election administration responsibilities, as well as administering the state's ethics and lobbying laws, and the Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund. In carrying out its responsibilities to enforce the state's lobbying laws, GAB imposes lobbying fees on individual lobbyists and lobbying principals and utilizes this funding to cover its lobbying-related expenses.

Lobbying fees are deposited to the Board's lobbying administration; program revenue appropriation. The adjusted base for this appropriation is \$419,600 PR annually, including \$98,600 PR annually in fringe benefits funding.

GOVERNOR

Provide -\$15,100 PR annually to the Board's lobbying administration; program revenue appropriation for full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits.

MODIFICATION

Delete an additional \$12,000 PR annually in fringe benefits funding from the Board's lobbying administration; program revenue appropriation to provide full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits.

Explanation: Due to an inadvertent calculation error, an additional \$12,000 PR annually may be deleted from this appropriation. The modification would accurately reflect the amount needed for full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits.

Change to Bill Funding

PR - \$24,000

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