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2021 Wisconsin Act 165
[2021 Senate Bill 557]

**Investment of Certain UW
System Revenues**

BACKGROUND

The State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB) generally controls the investment of state moneys. SWIB manages the State Investment Fund (SIF), an investment trust that functions as the state's cash management fund under which idle cash balances are pooled and invested in liquid, low-risk investments until needed.

The University of Wisconsin Board of Regents (BOR) may invest revenues from gifts, grants, and donations by doing any of the following:

- Directly employing a financial manager to oversee the investment of these funds.
- Selecting a private investment firm using the competitive sealed proposal process.
- Contracting with SWIB to manage the investment of these funds.

The BOR is not required to deposit revenues from gifts, grants, and donations in the SIF if the board invests these moneys as provided above.

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Under the act, the BOR may **manage the investment of any revenues designated by the board**, including revenues from gifts, grants, and donations, by any of the means provided above. If the BOR employs a financial manager or selects a private investment firm, the designated revenues must be managed in accordance with the investment policies established by the BOR and in compliance with current standards of investment prudence.

The act first applies to investments made after the effective date.

Effective date: March 13, 2021

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