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2023-2024 LEGISLATURE

## 2023 SENATE BILL 368

July 20, 2023 - Introduced by Senator Wirch. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

AN ACT relating to: expenditure of $\$ 300,000$ from moneys appropriated to the University of Wisconsin System in payment of a claim against the state made by Dr. George Vukotich.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the expenditure of $\$ 300,000$ from moneys appropriated for the general program operations of the University of Wisconsin System in payment of a claim against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside by Dr. George Vukotich to compensate him for alleged breaches of his employment contract with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The claimant entered into an employment contract with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in January 2021. The claimant asserted that he was unlawfully terminated under the terms of the employment contract. On April 6, 2023, the Claims Board denied the claim concluding that the Board of Regents did not breach its contract with Dr. Vukotich (see 2023 Senate Journal, p. 212).

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:
Section 1. Claim against the state.
(1) There is directed to be expended from the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a) $\$ 300,000$ in payment of a claim against the state brought by Dr. George Vukotich, River Forest, IL 60305, to compensate him for alleged breaches by the University of Wisconsin-Parkside of its employment contract with Dr. Vukotich entered into in January, 2021. Acceptance of this payment releases this state and its officers, employees, and agents from any further liability resulting from any breach of the employment contract between Dr. George Vukotich and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

