

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0596/1 MES:jld

## **2017 BILL**

AN ACT to amend 66.0501 (5) (title); and to create 66.0501 (5) (c) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting local units of government from prohibiting their employees who are emergency responders from volunteering to serve in that same capacity in a different jurisdiction.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the *local* 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:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Shortages. This bill applies to a city, village, town, or county that employs firefighters, EMTs, or first responders. The bill specifies that the local public employer may not prohibit those employees from volunteering in that same capacity with another fire department or emergency medical service provider.

**SECTION 1.** 66.0501 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2017 - 2018 Legislature LRB-0596/1 - 2 -MES:jld BILL SECTION 1 66.0501 (5) (title) EMPLOYEES MAY BE CANDIDATES, VOLUNTEERS. 1  $\mathbf{2}$ **SECTION 2.** 66.0501 (5) (c) of the statutes is created to read: 3 66.0501 (5) (c) No political subdivision may prohibit its public employees who are fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, or first responders from 4  $\mathbf{5}$ volunteering to serve in that same capacity in another jurisdiction. 6 (END)