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2023 SENATE BILL 831

December 19, 2023 - Introduced by Senators Bradley, Cowles, Larson and Spreitzer, cosponsored by Representatives J. Anderson, Steffen, C. Anderson, Andraca, Baldeh, Conley, Donovan, Emerson, Jacobson, Joers, Madison, O'Connor, Ortiz-Velez, Palmeri, Ratcliff, Riemer, Sinicki and Wichgers. Referred to Committee on Utilities and Technology.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 AN ACT to create 16.973 (17) of the statutes; relating to: information technology
- 2 accessibility standards and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Administration to promulgate rules establishing state agency information technology accessibility standards for individuals with disabilities consistent with the most recent web content accessibility guidelines published by the World Wide Web Consortium Web Accessibility Initiative or its successor. The bill further provides that the information technology accessibility standards established by DOA apply to all websites of the legislature and the courts.

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.** 16.973 (17) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 16.973 (17) Promulgate rules establishing agency information technology
- 5 accessibility standards for individuals with disabilities consistent with the most
- 6 recent web content accessibility guidelines published by the World Wide Web

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- $1 \qquad \hbox{Consortium Web Accessibility Initiative or its successor. The information technology}$
- 2 accessibility standards established under this subsection shall apply to all websites
- 3 of the legislature and the courts.
- 4 (END)