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Governor prompts action on unemployment modernization after decade of inaction, bill first to be passed by the Legislature under a special session call of Evers.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today signed January 2021 Special Session Senate Bill (SB) 1, now 2021 Wisconsin Act 4, which takes a step toward modernizing Wisconsin's antiquated unemployment system after more than a decade of inaction.

The bill comes after the governor announced he would be calling a <u>Special Session of the</u> <u>Legislature</u> to fix

Wisconsin's broken unemployment system during his 2021 State of the State address. While SB 1 does not include any funding or a commitment from the Legislature to fund the system upgrade to completion as was proposed by Gov. Evers, the governor had previously <u>called</u>

SB 1 "a step in the right direction."

This is the first bill to have been passed by the Legislature under a special session call of the governor.

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