

JUSTICE

Wisconsin Court Appointed Special Advocate Association

Motion:

Move to extend the sunset date associated with the requirement that the Department of Justice (DOJ) award a grant totaling \$80,000 in each fiscal year to Wi CASA from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2019. Associated with this extension, provide \$80,000 GPR annually during the 2017-19 biennium for such a purpose.

Require DOJ to lapse \$160,000 in 2017-18 to the general fund from its gifts, grants, and proceeds PR continuing appropriation [s. 20.455(3)(g)] from settlement funds received by the Department that are not committed for a specific purpose under the terms of the settlement.

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Note:

The Wisconsin CASA Association is a nonprofit organization that supports court appointed special advocacy for abused and neglected children. Under 2015 Act 55, the Department was appropriated \$80,000 GPR annually during the 2015-17 biennium only to make grants to Wi CASA. Under Act 55, the funding and statutory language associated with this grant requirement will sunset on July 1, 2017. As a result, under funding for the grants to Wi CASA is eliminated under the budget bill under standard budget adjustments.

This motion would continue the Wi CASA grant funding and requirement through July 1, 2019. The motion provides DOJ \$80,000 GPR annually to support an equivalent annual grant to Wi CASA during the 2017-19 biennium only. Under this motion, the statutory requirement and appropriation associated with the grant to Wi CASA sunsets on July 1, 2019.

Finally, the motion requires that DOJ lapse \$160,000 in 2017-18 to the general fund from unrestricted Attorney General discretionary settlement revenues. The Department receives these funds in its gifts, grants, and proceeds continuing PR appropriation. Based on information provided by DOJ as of March 13, 2017, it is estimated that DOJ will end 2016-17 with a balance of \$8,419,400 of unrestricted Attorney General discretionary settlement funds.

[Change to Base: \$160,000 GPR, \$160,000 GPR-Rev]

[Change to Bill: \$160,000 GPR, \$160,000 GPR-Rev]