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Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Project Positions (DSPS)

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CURRENT LAW

The Wisconsin enhanced prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) assists health care professionals in making prescribing and dispensing decisions by providing them with information about controlled substance prescriptions dispensed in the state. The primary purpose of the PDMP is to improve patient care and safety, and to reduce the abuse and diversion of prescription drugs, while ensuring patients with a legitimate medical need for the drugs are not adversely affected. PDMP staff and operations costs are funded by program revenue DSPPS collects from credentialed professionals.

2017 Wisconsin Act 59 provided 5.0 PR additional project positions to administer the program. Two of the positions, an office program associate and an information systems (IS) data specialist, create, run, and distribute reports, as well as ensure that data submitted to and reported from the PDMP is timely and accurate. The other three positions, an attorney and two investigators, are located in the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, and work on investigating and prosecuting cases of critically dangerous conduct by a prescriber or pharmacy identified by the Controlled Substances Board in accordance with 2015 Act 55. These positions are currently scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2020.

GOVERNOR

Provide 5.0 PR project positions in 2020-21.

MODIFICATION

Delete provision.

Explanation: In its agency request, DSPS requested 5.0 positions and \$339,400 in 2020-21 to extend, through June 30, 2021, 5.0 project positions authorized in Act 59. The Executive Budget Book indicates the Governor's intent to deny funding and position authority for this item. However, the 5.0 positions are included in the state's budget system as if the position authority had been recommended by the Governor. (No funding for these positions is provided in the bill.) This modification would delete the position authority from the state budget system.

	Positions Change to	
	Base	Bill
PR	0.00	- 5.00

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