



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.455 (2) (cm) and 165.984 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 creating a law enforcement agency drug trafficking response grant program
3 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a grant program for Wisconsin law enforcement agencies to obtain funds to respond to drug trafficking. Under the bill, any Wisconsin law enforcement agency may apply for a grant to fund a new program related to drug trafficking response. To fund this grant program, the bill creates a general purpose revenue appropriation of \$1,000,000 in the 2017-19 biennium.

For further information see the ***state and 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
5 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2017-18	2018-19
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1 **20.455 Justice, department of**

2 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

3 (cm) Law enforcement agency drug

4 trafficking response grants GPR B -0- 1,000,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.455 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.455 (2) (cm) *Law enforcement agency drug trafficking response grants.*

7 Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to provide grants for Wisconsin law
8 enforcement agency drug trafficking response under s. 165.984.

9 **SECTION 3.** 165.984 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **165.984 Law enforcement drug trafficking response grants.** (1) In this
11 section, “Wisconsin law enforcement agency” means a governmental unit of one or
12 more persons employed full time by this state or a political subdivision of this state
13 for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws or local
14 ordinances, employees of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while
15 acting within the scope of their authority, and includes a task force administered by
16 the department of justice that exists to respond to drug crimes.

17 (2) The department of justice shall establish policies and procedures for the
18 distribution of grants from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (cm) to Wisconsin
19 law enforcement agencies to fund law enforcement response to drug trafficking.
20 Notwithstanding s. 227.10 (1), the department need not promulgate the required
21 policies and procedures as rules under ch. 227.

22 (3) A Wisconsin law enforcement agency may apply to the department of justice
23 for a grant under this section and shall include a proposed plan of expenditure of the
24 grant money. The proposed plan of expenditure must specify a new program or

1 purpose for which the funds will be used. If the proposed plan of expenditure will
2 result in the agency incurring an ongoing expense that will continue after all grant
3 funds have been spent, the plan shall include a description of how that expense will
4 be met when there are no remaining grant funds.

5 (4) The department of justice shall review each application and plan and may
6 provide grants to an eligible Wisconsin law enforcement agency of not more than
7 \$50,000 per application and plan and not more than \$100,000 per agency. A grant
8 may be provided only to fund a new program or purpose within the agency and may
9 not be provided to supplement an existing program.

10 (5) A Wisconsin law enforcement agency receiving a grant under this section
11 may use the grant to fund extra training for law enforcement officers, the hiring of
12 additional officers to investigate drug trafficking, or any other purpose that is
13 directly related to drug trafficking response and that is not an existing program
14 within the agency at the time the grant is received.

15 (END)