



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 475

August 5, 2021 - Introduced by Senators WANGGAARD, L. TAYLOR, BALLWEG and PFAFF, cosponsored by Representatives STEINEKE, STUBBS, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CABRERA, DITTRICH, EDMING, GOYKE, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS, KRUG, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, MACCO, MILROY, MURSAU, NOVAK, PETRYK, SCHRAA, SPIROS, STEFFEN, TAUCHEN, TITTL, TRANEL, WITTKE, ZIMMERMAN, OHNSTAD, VRUWINK, SUBECK and BORN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 AN ACT to amend 46.536 of the statutes; relating to: crisis program
2 enhancement grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health Services awards grants in the total amount of \$250,000 in each fiscal biennium to counties or regions composed of multiple counties to establish or enhance crisis programs to serve individuals having crises in rural areas. This bill expands the grant program under current law and directs DHS to also award grants to counties, municipalities, or regions composed of counties or municipalities to establish and enhance law enforcement and behavioral health services emergency response collaboration programs. Under current law, DHS awards these grants in an amount equal to one-half of the amount of money the county or region provides to establish or enhance crisis programs. This bill eliminates that limitation and instead requires grant recipients to match at least 25 percent of the grant amount awarded for the purpose that the grant is received. Also, under the bill, DHS may not award any single grant in an amount greater than \$100,000.

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:

