



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1484/P4  
MLJ:amn&cde

DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0211 - DOJ Settlement Funds

**FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**JUSTICE**

***1. Settlement funds***

This bill creates two appropriations in which all moneys received from settlement funds must be deposited to carry out the purposes for which the settlement was received or, if no purpose was specified in the settlement, to be used at the discretion of the attorney general. The bill also requires DOJ to submit to DOA and JCF a semiannual report on the receipt and use of settlement funds.

The bill also creates an appropriation to hold all money received by DOJ that is owed to a relator, to provide payments to relators. A relator is a type of party in a lawsuit.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.455 (1) (hn) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (1) (hn) *Payments to relators.* All moneys received by the department that are owed to a relator, to provide payments owed to a relator.

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 20.455 (2) (gb) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.455 (2) (gb) *Gifts and grants.* ~~The amounts in the schedule to carry out the purposes for which gifts and grants are made and received.~~ All moneys received from gifts and grants, other than moneys received for and credited to another appropriation account under this subsection, ~~shall be credited to this appropriation account to carry out the purposes for which gifts and grants are made and received.~~

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 3.** 20.455 (3) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.455 (3) (g) *Gifts, grants and proceeds.* ~~The amounts in the schedule to carry out the purposes for which gifts and grants are made and collected.~~ All moneys received from gifts and grants and all proceeds from services, conferences, and sales of publications and promotional materials to carry out the purposes for which gifts and grants are made, received, or collected, except as provided in sub. (2) (gm) and (gp) and to transfer to s. 20.505 (1) (kg), at the discretion of the attorney general, an amount not to exceed \$98,300 annually, ~~shall be credited to this appropriation account.~~

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 4.** 20.455 (3) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (3) (h) *Settlements with a specified purpose.* All moneys received from settlement funds that have a purpose specified by the terms of the settlement shall be credited to this appropriation account to carry out the purposes for which the settlement was received.

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 5.** 20.455 (3) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (3) (i) *Settlements without a specified purpose.* All moneys received from settlement funds that do not have a purpose specified by the terms of the settlement shall be credited to this appropriation account to be used at the discretion of the attorney general.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This is reconciled s. 20.455 (3) (i). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: 1484/P3 and 2081/P1.

**SECTION 6.** 165.10 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 7.** 165.25 (10g) of the statutes is created to read:

165.25 (10g) REPORT ON SETTLEMENT FUNDS. Semiannually submit a report to the department of administration and the joint committee on finance regarding money received by the department of justice under a settlement agreement. To the extent permitted by the terms of each settlement agreement, the report shall specify all of the following for each reporting period:

- (a) The total amount of settlement funds received.
- (b) The amount of settlement funds received that have a purpose specified by the terms of the settlement.
- (c) The amount of settlement funds received that do not have a purpose specified by the terms of the settlement.
- (d) The cases from which settlement funds are received.
- (e) The purposes for which settlement funds are used, and the amounts expended for each purpose.

(END)