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2019 Wisconsin Act 139
[2019 Assembly Bill 607]

Service Award Program

BACKGROUND

The Department of Administration (DOA) maintains a service award program, which provides monetary length-of-service awards for volunteer firefighters, emergency medical responders, and volunteer emergency medical service practitioners. Under the program, DOA pays a state match of up to \$390 per service award per fiscal year (FY), depending on contributions from the municipality. Under prior law, the appropriation for service award matches paid by DOA was capped at \$2,500,000 per FY.

2019 WISCONSIN ACT 139

2019 Wisconsin Act 139 increases the appropriation for DOA state matches for service award payments to \$2,805,700 in FY 2019-2020, and to \$2,900,000 in FY 2020-21 and each subsequent FY.

Effective date: March 5, 2020.

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