



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 1179

March 10, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives BOWEN, ANDRACA, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, OHNSTAD, SHELTON and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.395 (1) (eq) and 85.073 of the statutes; **relating to:** a
2 speeding and reckless driving reduction program and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to develop and administer a motor vehicle speeding and reckless driving reduction program. Under the program, DOT must 1) develop best practice guidelines for increasing speed limit compliance and reducing reckless driving, 2) annually, request that each political subdivision identify the specific highways under its jurisdiction that are particularly affected by speeding and reckless driving violations, 3) provide particularized assistance to political subdivisions in increasing speed limit compliance and reducing reckless driving on these highways, and 4) award grants to political subdivisions for projects intended to increase speed limit compliance and reduce reckless driving on these highways.

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:

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SECTION 1

2021-22

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1 **20.395 Transportation, department of**

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3 (eq) Local speeding and reckless driv-

4 ing reduction grants SEG C 1,000,000 1,000,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.395 (1) (eq) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.395 (1) (eq) *Local speeding and reckless driving reduction grants.* As a
7 continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for local speed limit
8 enforcement grants under s. 85.073 (2) (d).

9 **SECTION 3.** 85.073 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **85.073 Speeding and reckless driving reduction assistance program.**

11 (1) In this section, "political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.

12 (2) The department shall develop and administer a motor vehicle speeding and
13 reckless driving reduction program. Under the program, the department shall do all
14 of the following:

15 (a) Develop best practice guidelines for increasing speed limit compliance and
16 reducing reckless driving.

17 (b) Annually, request that each political subdivision identify the specific
18 highways under its jurisdiction that are particularly affected by speeding and
19 reckless driving violations.

20 (c) To the extent feasible, provide particularized assistance to political
21 subdivisions in increasing speed limit compliance and reducing reckless driving on
22 highways identified under par. (b).

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1 (d) From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (1) (eq), award grants to political
2 subdivisions for projects intended to increase speed limit compliance and reduce
3 reckless driving on highways identified under par. (b). The department shall
4 prescribe the form, nature, and extent of information that shall be contained in
5 applications for grants under this paragraph and shall establish criteria for
6 evaluating applications and for awarding grants under this paragraph. The amount
7 of a grant awarded under this paragraph may not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the
8 project and may not exceed \$100,000. In awarding grants under this paragraph, the
9 department shall give priority to projects located in areas with the highest frequency
10 of speeding and reckless driving violations, as determined by the department.

11 (3) Annually, the department shall prepare a report describing the grants
12 provided under sub. (2) (d) and any other actions taken under the program in the
13 previous year. The department shall submit the report to the appropriate standing
14 committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3) having jurisdiction over matters
15 relating to transportation.

16 (END)