



1999 SENATE BILL 491

March 21, 2000 - Introduced by Senators GEORGE, FITZGERALD, HUELSMAN, ROSENZWEIG, DRZEWIECKI and PLACHE, cosponsored by Representatives GOETSCH, SCHOOFF, RYBA and BOCK. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.505 (6) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for innovative
2 police technology and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of justice distributes grants to law enforcement agencies in cities with high levels of violent and drug-related crime, to enable the agencies to acquire innovative law enforcement technology. A law enforcement agency receiving a grant under this program must provide matching funds equal to 50% of the grant awarded. This bill establishes a separate grant program under which the office of justice assistance (OJA) provides grants to state and local law enforcement agencies, to enable them to acquire innovative police technology and to train law enforcement officers and agency employees in the use of the technology. The bill does not require OJA to consider crime levels in the jurisdictions served by agencies seeking grants, nor does it require any matching funds from agencies receiving grants.

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:

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

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2 **20.505 Administration, department of**

3 (6) OFFICE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

4 (e) Governor's police technology

5 grants GPR C -0- 30,000,000

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.505 (6) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.505 (6) (e) *Governor's police technology grants.* As a continuing
8 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule to provide grants to state and local law
9 enforcement agencies to acquire innovative police technology and to train law
10 enforcement officers and agency employes in the use of technology acquired with
11 such grants.

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(END)