



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 786

December 27, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives KATZMA, MEYERS, RODRIGUEZ, CROWLEY, NOVAK, SUBECK, PRONSHINSKE, DOYLE, KITCHENS, BILLINGS, BALLWEG, SNYDER, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, BORN, E. BROOKS, CONSIDINE, FIELDS, GENRICH, JACQUE, JAGLER, KOLSTE, KRUG, KULP, LOUDENBECK, MURSAU, PETERSEN, PETRYK, QUINN, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STEINEKE, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, VANDERMEER, VRUWINK and ALLEN, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, JOHNSON, CARPENTER, LARSON, RINGHAND, L. TAYLOR and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Family Law.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 165.967; *to create* 165.967 (2) of the statutes;  
2             and *to affect* 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, section 763qb, 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,  
3             section 9426 (1q) and 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, sections 2265p and 9428 (1r) (b);  
4             **relating to:** the Court Appointed Special Advocates grant program and  
5             making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the Department of Justice must provide \$80,000 in grants each fiscal year to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. This bill increases the funding for these grants to \$250,000 per fiscal year. Under current law, the grant program sunsets on July 1, 2019. This bill eliminates the sunset date. This bill also creates a new requirement for the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association to submit an annual report describing the use of the funds to the governor, the Joint Committee on Finance, and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL 786****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 165.967 of the statutes is renumbered 165.967 (1) and amended to  
2 read:

3           165.967 (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.455 (5) (es), the department of  
4 justice shall in each fiscal year provide ~~\$80,000~~ \$250,000 to the Wisconsin Court  
5 Appointed Special Advocate Association.

6           **SECTION 2.** 165.967 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

7           165.967 (2) Annually, the Wisconsin Court Appointed Special Advocate  
8 Association shall submit to the governor, the joint committee on finance, and the  
9 appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3) a report  
10 describing the use of the funds received under sub. (1).

11           **SECTION 3.** 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, section 763qb is repealed.

12           **SECTION 4.** 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, section 9426 (1q), as last affected by 2017  
13 Wisconsin Act 59, section 2265p, is repealed.

14           **SECTION 5.** 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, sections 2265p and 9428 (1r) (b) are  
15 repealed.

16           **SECTION 6. Fiscal changes.**

17           (1) COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES. In the schedule under section 20.005  
18 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice under section  
19 20.455 (5) (es) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2017-18 is increased  
20 by \$250,000 for the purposes of the Court Appointed Special Advocates grant  
21 program under section 165.967 of the statutes. In the schedule under section 20.005  
22 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice under section  
23 20.455 (5) (es) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018-19 is increased

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1 by \$250,000 for the purposes of the Court Appointed Special Advocates grant  
2 program under section 165.967 of the statutes.

3 (END)