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January 16, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives MONTGOMERY, GARD, RYBA, ZIEGELBAUER, JESKEWITZ, KRAWCZYK, TOWNSEND, F. LASEE and VRAKAS, cosponsored by Senators COWLES and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.395 (1) (gv) and 85.62 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 transportation aids to local professional football stadium districts and making
3 an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

1999 Wisconsin Act 167 created a professional football stadium district, which is a special purpose district, in each county with a population of more than 150,000 that includes the principal site of an existing, or to be constructed, league-approved home stadium for a professional football team that is a member of a league of teams that have home stadiums in at least ten states and a collective average attendance for all league members of at least 40,000 per game over the five years immediately preceding the year in which a district is created. A district is a local unit of government that is a body corporate and politic and that is separate and distinct from, and independent of, the state and the political subdivisions within its jurisdiction.

This bill authorizes the department of transportation to make aid payments to a local professional football stadium district for the development, construction, reconstruction, or improvement of bridges, highways, parking lots, garages, transportation facilities, or other functionally related or auxiliary facilities or structures associated with any home stadium of a professional football team, and creates a continuing appropriation in the segregated transportation fund for this purpose. The bill appropriates \$9,100,000 in fiscal year 2000–01 for such payments.

