AN ACT to amend 20.395 (3) (cx) and 20.395 (4) (ax); and to create 85.285 of the statutes; relating to: vehicle extrication training grants, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the department of transportation (DOT) to make an annual grant of $375,000, beginning in fiscal year 2002-03, to an organization to teach extrication techniques and skills to rescue personnel for various vehicles. Individuals providing the teaching on behalf of the organization must have experience in teaching extrication techniques and skills. After awarding a grant, DOT must enter into a written agreement with the recipient of the grant that specifies the conditions for use of the grant proceeds and requires the grant recipient to avoid conflicts of interest in the acquisition or use of vehicle extrication equipment, as determined by rule by DOT.

For further information see the state 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:

SECTION 1. 20.395 (3) (cx) of the statutes is amended to read:
20.395 (3) (cx) State highway rehabilitation, federal funds. All moneys received from the federal government for improvement of existing state trunk and connecting highways; for improvement of bridges on state trunk or connecting highways and other bridges for which improvement is a state responsibility, for necessary approach work for such bridges and for replacement of such bridges with at-grade crossing improvements; for the construction and rehabilitation of the national system of interstate and defense highways and bridges and related appurtenances; for special maintenance activities under s. 84.04 on roadside improvements and for the disadvantaged business demonstration and training program under s. 84.076; and for vehicle extrication training grants under s. 85.285, for such purposes.

SECTION 2. 20.395 (4) (ax) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is amended to read:

20.395 (4) (ax) Departmental management and operations, federal funds. All moneys received from the federal government for the administration and management of departmental programs except those programs under subs. (2) (bx) and (dx) and (3) (ix), and for departmental planning and administrative activities, including all moneys received as federal aid as authorized by the governor under s. 16.54 to promote highway safety and continue the local traffic safety representatives program and for purposes of s. 85.07 and for activities related to the transportation employment and mobility program under s. 85.24 that are not funded from the appropriation under sub. (1) (bs), (bv), or (bx), and for vehicle extrication training grants under s. 85.285; and to transfer to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (1) (z) the amounts in the schedule under s. 20.505 (1) (z), for such purposes.

SECTION 3. 85.285 of the statutes is created to read:
85.285 Vehicle extrication training grants. (1) From the appropriations under s. 20.395 (3) (cx) or (4) (ax), the department shall award a grant of $375,000 from federal funds received under 23 USC 402 in fiscal year 2002–03 and in each fiscal year thereafter to an organization that has the knowledge, experience, and networking capabilities that are necessary to design and implement vehicle extrication certification courses that meet any applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association, and train-the-trainer programs that prepare and train instructors to teach extrication skills and techniques to rescue personnel for all types of vehicles. A grant may not be awarded under this subsection to a manufacturer or seller of vehicle extrication equipment.

(2) Grants awarded under sub. (1) may be used to provide vehicle extrication certification courses, learning symposiums, and train-the-trainer programs; extrication research and development; design and development of curriculum materials; professional services; and acquisition of tools and equipment for the implementation of vehicle extrication certification courses and train-the-trainer programs. All such programs and courses shall include certification related to vehicle extrication knowledge, skills, techniques, and countermeasures necessary for rescue personnel to implement solutions that provide a quick and safe extrication rescue for automobiles, school buses, motor carriers, taxicabs, commuter car pool or van pool vehicles, light trucks, heavy trucks, and vehicles providing specialized transportation services to the disabled.

(3) Upon awarding a grant under sub. (1), the department shall enter into a written agreement with the recipient of the grant that specifies the conditions for use of the grant proceeds, including the use of any training curriculum developed with grant proceeds, and which requires the recipient of the grant to avoid any situation
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that would create a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, with respect to the acquisition or use of any vehicle extrication equipment, as determined by the department by rule.


(1) The department of administration shall submit in proposed form the rule required under section 85.285 (3) of the statutes, as created by this act, to the legislative council staff under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes no later than the first day of the 4th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2002.