January 12, 2017 - Introduced by Representative Ott, by request of Department of Transportation. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT to amend 85.07 (7) (a) of the statutes; relating to: planning for certain federal highway money distribution transfers (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Transportation).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current federal law, if a state does not have a qualifying safety belt statute, as a penalty certain federal highway moneys distributed to the state may be transferred from, generally, highway construction funding to highway safety funding. Currently, the Department of Transportation must annually prepare a plan to use, for purposes of state and local emergency medical services, at least 25 percent of the federal funds that would be transferred under this federal penalty provision were it to be applied to the state. Current law also requires DOT to consult with the Council on Highway Safety, the Department of Health Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Board before preparing the plan.

Under this bill, DOT must prepare the plan only in years in which DOT expects that federal funds distributed to the state will be transferred under the penalty provision and DOT is not required to consult with the Council on Highway Safety before preparing the plan.

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. 85.07 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.07 (7) (a) The in any year that the department expects that federal funds will be transferred under 23 USC 153 (h), the department shall annually prepare a plan to use, for purposes of state and local emergency medical services, at least 25 percent of any federal the funds transferred under 23 USC 153 (h). The department shall prepare the plan after consulting with the council on highway safety, the department of health services and the emergency medical services board. Funds expended under the plan may not be used to supplant other federal and state funds used for emergency medical services purposes. Funds may not be expended under the plan unless any necessary federal approval of the plan has been obtained.

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