AN ACT to create 20.455 (2) (e) and 165.985 of the statutes; relating to: community relations grants to counties and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Justice to award grants of up to $600,000 in the 2017–19 fiscal biennium to counties in which at least 10 percent of the population is composed of minorities, which are defined as persons who are Black, Hispanic, American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, native Hawaiian, Asian–Indian, or of Asian–Pacific origin. The grants are to improve relations between law enforcement and the community.

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:

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

(2) Law Enforcement Services

(e) Community relations grants GPR A 300,000 300,000

Section 2. 20.455 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (2) (e) Community relations grants. The amounts in the schedule for making grants to counties under s. 165.985.

Section 3. 165.985 of the statutes is created to read:

165.985 Community relations grants. The department of justice shall provide grants from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (e) to counties in which at least 10 percent of the population are minority group members, as defined in s. 16.287 (1) (f), to improve relations between law enforcement and the community. A county applying to the department of justice for a grant under this section shall include a proposed plan of expenditure of the grant moneys.