February 8, 2018 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT. Referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight.

AN ACT to repeal 20.505 (1) (ke); and to create 20.505 (1) (ke) of the statutes; relating to: improving state government programs and operations and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Administration to contract with a consultant to review state government programs and operations and offer recommendations for their improvement. The consultant must inventory state information technology assets, assist DOA with state agency base budget reviews, and perform any other duty determined by the secretary of administration. Before issuing a request for proposal for the contract, DOA must submit the request for proposal to the Assembly Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight for approval.

The bill also provides that the consultant must submit to DOA and the committee a report of the consultant's findings and recommendations. The report must be submitted no later than July 1, 2018. In addition, DOA must submit a report of its recommendations based on the consultant's report to the committee no later than December 31, 2018.

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

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SECTION 2. 20.505 (1) (ke) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (1) (ke) **Improvement of state government programs and operations.**

Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for all costs incurred under 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 4 (1). All moneys received from state agencies under 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 4 (1), shall be credited to this appropriation account.

SECTION 3. 20.505 (1) (ke) of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed.


(1) **IMPROVEMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS.**

(a) In this subsection, “state agency” has the meaning given under section 20.001 (1) of the statutes.

(b) During the 2017–19 fiscal biennium, the department of administration shall contract with a consultant to review state government programs and operations and offer recommendations for their improvement. The contract shall include performance measures, established by the department, for the purpose of determining the compensation paid to the consultant. The consultant shall
inventory state information technology assets, assist the department with state agency base budget reviews, assess and evaluate state procurement functions, and perform any other duty determined by the secretary of administration.

(c) Before issuing a request for proposal for the contract under paragraph (b), the department of administration shall submit the request for proposal to the assembly committee on government accountability and oversight for approval by a majority of the members of the committee.

(d) The consultant providing services pursuant to a contract under paragraph (b) shall submit to the department of administration and the assembly committee on government accountability and oversight a report of the consultant’s findings and recommendations. The report must be submitted no later than July 1, 2018. In addition, the department must submit a report of its recommendations based on the consultant’s report to the committee no later than December 31, 2018.

(e) The department of administration shall assess state agencies for all costs relating to contracting with the consultant. Assessments shall be credited to the appropriation account under section 20.505 (1) (ke) of the statutes.

SECTION 5. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The repeal of section 20.505 (1) (ke) of the statutes takes effect on June 30, 2019.