AN ACT to renumber and amend 20.505 (4) (er); and to create 20.505 (4) (er)

1. and 2. of the statutes; relating to: funding for service award payments and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Administration administers a service award program, which provides monetary length-of-service awards to volunteer fire fighters, first responders, and volunteer emergency medical technicians. Under the program, DOA pays a state match of up to $390 per service award per fiscal year based on amounts contributed by municipalities. The appropriation for the state match paid by DOA is currently capped at $2,500,000 per fiscal year.

This bill increases that amount to $2,805,700 in fiscal year 2019-20 and $2,900,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 and subsequent fiscal years.

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. 20.505 (4) (er) of the statutes is renumbered 20.505 (4) (er) (intro.) and amended to read:
20.505 (4) (er) Service award program; state awards. (intro.) A sum sufficient to make the payments required under s. 16.25 (3) (d). The amount appropriated under this paragraph may not exceed $2,500,000 in a fiscal year. The following:

SECTION 2. 20.505 (4) (er) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

20.505 (4) (er) 1. In fiscal year 2019–20, $2,805,700.

2. In fiscal year 2020–21 and each subsequent fiscal year, $2,900,000.


(1) Of the amounts appropriated under s. 20.505 (4) (er) 1., $45,700 shall be paid to the vendors specified in s. 16.25 (3) (d) 1. who received prorated payments in the 2018–19 fiscal year due to a shortfall in the amounts appropriated in that fiscal year.