2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 619

November 19, 2019 – Introduced by Representatives SARGENT, ANDERSON, OHNSTAD, SPREITZER and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators MILLER and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to create 20.395 (4) (fa) and 114.138 of the statutes; relating to: an airport sound mitigation grant program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to develop and administer an airport sound mitigation grant program. Under the program, DOT must award grants for projects that mitigate the impact of airport sound on structures located near airports that include a military base or installation. DOT is required to give highest priority in awarding these grants to projects involving schools and child care centers and secondary priority to projects involving private residences. The bill provides $250,000 in each year of the current fiscal biennium for the program.

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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20.395 Transportation, department of

(4) General transportation operations

(fa) Airport sound mitigation grant

program; state funds         GPR     C     250,000     250,000

SECTION 2. 20.395 (4) (fa) of the statutes is created to read:

20.395 (4) (fa) Airport sound mitigation grant program; state funds. As a
continuing appropriation, from the general fund, the amounts in the schedule for the
airport sound mitigation grant program under s. 114.138.

SECTION 3. 114.138 of the statutes is created to read:

114.138 Airport sound mitigation. (1) The department shall develop and
administer an airport sound mitigation grant program.

(2) From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (4) (fa), the department shall award
grants for airport sound mitigation projects that mitigate the impact of airport sound
on structures located near airports that include a military base or installation. The
department shall prescribe the form, nature, and extent of information that shall be
contained in applications for grants under this subsection and shall establish criteria
for evaluating applications and for awarding grants under this subsection. The
department shall give highest priority in awarding grants under this subsection to
projects involving schools and child care centers and secondary priority to projects
involving private residences. A project that is eligible for participation in an airport
sound mitigation project under a federal airport sound mitigation grant is not
eligible for a grant under this subsection.
(3) If the department does not receive an application for a grant under sub. (2) for 2 consecutive fiscal years, the program shall be terminated.