June 7, 2019 - Introduced by Senators CRAIG, KAPENGA, NASS and BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives SANFELIPOPO, FELZKOWSKI, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, HUTTON, KNOEL, KUGLISH, MAGNAFICI, NEYLON, OTT, QUINN, RAMTHUN, SORTWELL, TAUCHEN, WICHGERS and ALLEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs.

**AN ACT to create** 85.64 of the statutes; **relating to:** discretionary merit awards by the Department of Transportation.

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to develop a discretionary merit award program for the purpose of providing lump sum monetary awards to classified employees under the discretionary merit award program implemented by the Department of Administration under current law. The bill requires DOT to consider making awards to employees who have implemented business processes that created significant cost savings, efficiency, or innovation.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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**The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** 85.64 of the statutes is created to read:

**85.64 Discretionary merit award program.** (1) The department shall develop a discretionary merit award program for the purpose of providing lump sum monetary awards to classified employees under the program implemented by the department of administration under s. 230.04 (19).
(2) In identifying employees to receive discretionary merit awards under this section, the department shall consider employees who have implemented business processes that created significant cost savings, efficiency, or innovation.

(END)