2019 SENATE BILL 295

June 21, 2019 - Introduced by Senator COWLES, cosponsored by Representative STEFFEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs.

AN ACT to amend 20.395 (2) (cq) of the statutes; relating to: harbor assistance grant for the city of Green Bay and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation administers a harbor assistance program. Under the program, an eligible applicant may be awarded a grant to partially reimburse the applicant for expenses incurred in making certain harbor improvements. This bill requires DOT to award a harbor assistance grant of not more than $1,500,000 to the city of Green Bay for harbor improvements related to port expansion and the relocation of coal piles.

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. 20.395 (2) (cq) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.395 (2) (cq) Harbor assistance, state funds. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for harbor assistance under s. 85.095 (2) (a), for administration of the harbor assistance program under s. 85.095 and for grants
under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9150 (4f), 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, section 9145
(4i) and (4u), 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, section 9145 (1c), and 2017 Wisconsin Act 59,
section 9145 (4d), and 2019 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 2 (1).

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) In the 2019–2020 fiscal year, from the appropriations under ss. 20.395 (2)
(cq) and 20.866 (2) (uv), notwithstanding the eligibility criteria under s. 85.095, the
department of transportation shall award a grant under s. 85.095 (2) (a) to the city
of Green Bay for harbor improvements related to port expansion and the relocation
of coal piles. Notwithstanding s. 85.095 (2) (a), the amount of the grant awarded
under this subsection shall be $1,500,000 or the total cost of the project, whichever
is less.

(END)