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2021 Wisconsin Act 261 [2021 Senate Bill 673]

Next Generation 911 and Geographic Information System Grants

2021 Wisconsin Act 261 assigns authority regarding the development and operation of a statewide emergency number system to the Department of Military Affairs (DMA). The act requires DMA to perform duties relating to the implementation, operation, and maintenance of a statewide emergency number system. Prior law provided the Department of Administration with the option to advise public agencies and telecommunications utilities on the development and operation of emergency number systems.

Act 261 requires DMA to administer a geographic information system (GIS) grant program that provides grants to county land information offices for the purpose of preparing GIS data to help enable Next Generation 911.¹ The act provides that the 911 subcommittee must advise DMA or any other state agency on the purposes and criteria for GIS grants.

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¹ 2021 Act 58, the 2021-23 biennial budget, authorized \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023 for GIS grants to be held in the Joint Committee on Finance's (JCF) supplemental appropriation. DMA may request this supplemental funding from JCF under s. 13.10, Stats.