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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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### 2021 Senate Bill 119

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2021 Senate Bill 119 reduces the amount of shared revenue a municipality receives from the state if the municipality reduces its law enforcement budget. More specifically, if a municipality reduces its budget for hiring, training, and retaining law enforcement officers compared with its previous year's budget, the bill reduces the municipality's shared revenue payment by that amount. Under the bill, a reduction in shared revenue applies on an ongoing basis, and the funds are redistributed to municipalities that did not reduce their law enforcement budgets.

The bill provides one exception, which allows for budget reductions due to entering into a cooperative agreement with another municipality for law enforcement services.

## SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Like the bill, the substitute amendment provides for a reduction in shared revenue for any municipality that decreases its budget for hiring, training, and retaining law enforcement officers, as compared with the previous year's budget. However, the substitute amendment differs from the bill in the following three ways:

- It expands the scope of the bill to also reduce shared revenue by the amount of budgetary reductions for emergency medical responders and paid fire department members.
- It provides a new exception for instances where a municipality reduces its budget for law enforcement, emergency medical responders, and paid fire department employees, but it maintains the total number of such personnel, not including personnel funded through federal grants.
- It provides an exception for municipalities that regularly employ and retain fewer than 30 law enforcement officers, paid fire department members, or emergency medical responders.

## BILL HISTORY

Senator Wanggaard offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 119 on June 4, 2021. On June 9, 2021, the Senate voted to recommend adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 119, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 20; Noes, 12.

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