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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2021 Senate Bill 273**

**Senate Amendment 1**

### 2021 SENATE BILL 273

2021 Senate Bill 273 requires the Governor to allocate the following from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds:

- \$33,000,000 for the development of an updated statewide public safety interoperable communications system.
- \$18,500,000 for the development of the emergency services internet protocol (IP) network.
- \$1,700,000 for the development of a statewide geographic information system database.

Additionally, the bill requires the Governor to allocate \$15,000,000 from ARPA as a grant to add 22 psychiatric beds between the hospital in Eau Claire County and a hospital in Chippewa County. The hospital awarded the grant must:

- Give admission preference to individuals who meet the criteria for emergency detention and are from certain counties.
- Identify measures to serve the state's mental health needs, especially in reducing the burden on Winnebago Mental Health Institute.
- Report to the Legislature on the services provided with the grant money.
- Recognize that it is liable to repay the grant to the state if the hospital fails to maintain continued expanded services and expanded numbers of psychiatric beds.

### SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 changes the required allocation for an updated statewide public safety interoperable communications system from \$33,000,000 to \$34,000,000.

### BILL HISTORY

Senators Felzkowski and Bernier offered Senate Amendment 1 on April 7, 2021. On April 8, 2021, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 4. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes 11; Noes, 4.

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