AN ACT relating to: grants to American Indian tribes and bands in Wisconsin and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in fiscal year 2021–22, the Department of Administration is required to award grants to American Indian tribes or bands in Wisconsin. DOA must establish the amount of each grant based on the pro rata number of employees employed by each tribe or band as of December 31, 2019. Each tribe or band may use grant moneys as it deems necessary to support programs to meet the needs of members of the tribe or band, and no grant moneys may be used to pay gaming-related expenses.

This bill requires DOA to award additional grants to American Indian tribes and bands in this state, without respect to the number of employees employed by the tribe or band, so that each tribe or band in Wisconsin receives at least $1,000,000 in grant moneys. The grant moneys may be used as described above.

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. Nonstatutory provisions.
(1) Grants to American Indian tribes and bands.

(a) In the 2021–22 fiscal year, the department of administration shall award the following grants under s. 16.07:

1. A grant of $389,600 to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.
2. A grant of $546,300 to the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.
3. A grant of $553,700 to the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.
4. A grant of $615,400 to the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.
5. A grant of $773,500 to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.
6. A grant of $819,400 to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.
7. A grant of $821,000 to the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.
8. A grant of $879,900 to the Sokaogon Chippewa Community.

(b) The department of administration shall award the grants required under par. (a) notwithstanding the number of employees employed by each tribe or band as of December 31, 2019.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

(1) Grants to American Indian tribes and bands. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (1) (kk), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021–22 is increased by $5,398,800 for grants awarded under SECTION 1 of this act.

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