2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 447


AN ACT to amend 66.0511 (title); and to create 66.0511 (4), 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. and 165.85 (4) (em) of the statutes; relating to: equipment of vehicles used by law enforcement agencies and training of law enforcement officers in first aid.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, Wisconsin law enforcement officers, other than sheriffs, are required to complete a preparatory training program consisting of 600 hours of training, and recertification training consisting of 24 hours of training per year. As part of ongoing recertification training, an officer must complete at least four hours of police pursuit training biennially, and an annual handgun operation qualification course. This bill requires that each Wisconsin law enforcement officer also complete as part of his or her recertification training at least one hour of first aid training on an annual basis, which would count towards the officer’s annual 24-hour recertification training requirement.

This bill also requires law enforcement agencies to ensure that all motor vehicles used by the agency are equipped with an automated external defibrillator.

For further information see the state and local 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. 66.0511 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0511 (title) Law enforcement agency policies on use of force and citizen complaint procedures agencies.

SECTION 2. 66.0511 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0511 (4) Emergency First Aid. Each person in charge of a law enforcement agency shall ensure that all motor vehicles used by the agency are equipped with an automated external defibrillator.

SECTION 3. 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. of the statutes is created to read:

165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. Each officer who is subject to this subdivision shall annually complete at least one hour of training from curricula based upon model standards promulgated by the board under par. (em). Hours of training completed under this subd. 7. d. shall count toward the hours of training required under subd. 7. a.

SECTION 4. 165.85 (4) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

165.85 (4) (em) First aid training. The board shall establish criteria for first aid training. Notwithstanding s. 227.10 (1), the criteria need not be promulgated as rules under ch. 227, and shall do all of the following:

1. Establish model standards that could be used by any law enforcement agency to show first aid proficiency.

2. Establish the preparatory program and annual recertification training curricula required under par. (a) relating to an officer’s ability to perform first aid.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 60th month beginning after publication.