2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 836

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AN ACT relating to: technical college police academy programs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Technical College System Board to work with technical colleges to establish part-time police academy programs offered by at least two technical colleges. The TCS Board must endeavor to maximize statewide access to these programs in determining which technical colleges will offer the programs. The TCS Board must require at least two technical colleges to offer part-time police academy programs by January 1, 2023, and must distribute to the selected technical colleges for these programs $1,000,000 in moneys received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that the governor is required under the bill to allocate for this purpose.

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. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) TECHNICAL COLLEGE POLICE ACADEMY PROGRAMS.

(a) In this subsection:

1. “District board” has the meaning given in s. 38.01 (6).
2. “System board” has the meaning given in s. 38.01 (2) for “board.”

(b) The system board shall work with district boards to establish part-time police academy programs offered by at least 2 district boards. The system board shall endeavor to maximize statewide access to these programs, considering the likely geographic location of students participating in these programs and the location of technical college campuses, in determining which district boards will offer the programs. The system board shall require at least 2 district boards to offer part-time police academy programs by January 1, 2023, and shall distribute the moneys allocated under par. (c) in fiscal year 2022–23 to the district boards selected by the system board to offer these police academy programs, for the purpose of funding the programs.

(c) Of the moneys the governor accepts from the federal government under s. 16.54 pursuant to section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as amended by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117–2, the governor shall allocate $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022–23 for the system board to distribute for police academy programs under par. (b).