February 23, 2022 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, JOHNSON, CARPENTER, ROYS and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, STUBBS, EMERSON, ANDRACA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, HEBL, B. MEYERS, POPE, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNOGRASS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, Vining and VRUINK. Referred to Committee on Health.

AN ACT relating to: grants for crisis intervention teams; funding for special education, the University of Wisconsin System, and the technical college system; and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides $1,000,000 for the Department of Health Services to award grants to counties, cities, towns, villages, and American Indian tribes or bands in this state in the 2021-23 fiscal biennium for the staffing of law enforcement agencies with mental health crisis intervention teams. Under current law, DHS must award grants totaling $1,000,000 in each fiscal biennium for mental health crisis intervention team training for law enforcement agencies and correctional officers. Further, the bill provides additional funding to the Department of Public Instruction for aids for special education and to the University of Wisconsin System and the technical college system for purposes of maintaining compliance with maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (cd), in the 2021–23 fiscal biennium the department of health services shall award grants, as determined by the department of health services, in the total amount of $1,000,000 to counties, cities, towns, villages, and American Indian tribes or bands in this state for the staffing of law enforcement agencies with mental health crisis intervention teams.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

(1) Crisis intervention team grants. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (5) (cd), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $1,000,000 to award the grants under SECTION 1 (1) of this act.

(2) Special education aid; crisis intervention team grants. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021–22 is increased by $315,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $315,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(3) UW System, general program operations; crisis intervention team grants. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021–22 is increased by $68,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $68,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(4) State aid for technical colleges; crisis intervention team grants. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the technical college system
board under s. 20.292 (1) (d), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by $12,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $12,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(END)