
AN ACT relating to: authorizing certain full-time positions within the Department of Safety and Professional Services; 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 appropriates money for the Department of Safety and Professional Services to hire four full-time call center program operation assistants and three full-time paralegals for the purpose of professional credential processing. 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 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. Fiscal changes.
(1) Call center staff; Department of Safety and Professional Services. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of safety and professional services under s. 20.165 (1) (g), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021–22 is increased by $178,000 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 4.0 GPR positions on the effective date of this subsection for call center program operation assistants for the purpose of professional credential processing. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of safety and professional services under s. 20.165 (1) (g), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $226,600 to provide funding for the positions authorized under this subsection.

(2) Paralegals; Department of Safety and Professional Services. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of safety and professional services under s. 20.165 (1) (g), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021–22 is increased by $225,900 to increase the authorized FTE positions within the department by 3.0 GPR positions on the effective date of this subsection for paralegals for the purpose of professional credential processing. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of safety and professional services under s. 20.165 (1) (g), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $293,000 to provide funding for the positions authorized under this subsection.

(3) Special Education Aid. 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 $255,000 to increase funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $330,000 to increase funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88.
(4) UW System, General Program Operation. 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 $55,200 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.

(5) State Aids for Technical Colleges. 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 $9,800 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.

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