February 1, 2022 - Introduced by Senator BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives SCHRAA, ALLEN, ARMSTRONG, BRANDTJEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, HORLACHER, JAMES, KNODL, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, PRONSCINSKE, ROZAR, THIESFELDT and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Human Services, Children and Families.

AN ACT to amend 16.75 (1) (a) 1.; and to create 16.756 and 20.932 of the statutes; relating to: prohibition on awarding state contracts or grants to entities that require customers or clients to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19 for entry onto the premises of the entity or before providing services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
This bill prohibits the state and state agencies from awarding state contracts or grants to businesses or other entities that require proof of vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, as a condition of entering the premises of the business or entity, or as a condition of receiving services.

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. 16.75 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

16.75 (1) (a) 1. All orders awarded or contracts made by the department for all materials, supplies, equipment, and contractual services to be provided to any
agency, except as otherwise provided in par. (c) and subs. (2), (2g), (2m), (3m), (3t),
(6), (7), (8), (9), (10e), (10m), and (10p) and ss. 16.705 (1r), 16.73 (4) (a), 16.751, 16.754,
16.756, 50.05 (7) (f), 153.05 (2m) (a), 165.987, and 287.15 (7), shall be awarded to the
lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration life cycle cost estimates under
sub. (1m), when appropriate, the location of the agency, the quantities of the articles
to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, and the purposes for which
they are required and the date of delivery.

SECTION 2. 16.756 of the statutes is created to read:

16.756 Proof of COVID-19 vaccination prohibited. No agency may enter
into a contract for the procurement of materials, supplies, equipment, or contractual
services under this subchapter with a vendor that requires any individual to furnish
proof of having received a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which
causes COVID-19, before entering the vendor’s premises. This section does not
prohibit a vendor from implementing a screening protocol that does not require proof
of having received a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

SECTION 3. 20.932 of the statutes is created to read:

20.932 Grants prohibited. No state agency may award a grant to any entity
that requires any individual to furnish proof of having received a vaccine against the
SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, before entering the entity's
premises or receiving services from the entity. This section does not prohibit an
entity from implementing a screening protocol that does not require proof of having
received a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.