

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	25-0301/1	Introduction Number	SB-0041	Estimate Type	Original
Description school safety grants and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Senate Bill 41 as originally proposed provides \$30,000,000 for a competitive grant program for public and private schools to improve the safety of school buildings and to provide security training to school personnel. Under the program, awards are capped at \$20,000. The program sunsets at the end of SFY26, and no grants can be awarded after June 30, 2027. 20.455(2)(fc) is repealed on July 1, 2027.

Grant preference is to be given to schools that have not previously received a school safety grant from DOJ.

Current funding for a number of OSS positions (including OSS' lone grant administration position) and related funding expires on September 30, 2025. Absent the extension of those positions, OSS will be forced to reduce current services.

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 41 removes the funding for the grants. If that funding is not added as part of that state budget process, DOJ will not be able to absorb these costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

2023 Wisconsin Act 240 provided 14.2 PR project positions for OSS for the period from January 1, 2025 to October 1, 2025. Under Act 240, the use of the appropriation to fund these positions sunsets on October 1, 2025. Without long-term funding for the office, or administrative funding support, DOJ would not have positions or funding to continue providing all current services after October 1, 2025.

The program is repealed after SFY26.