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AMENDMENT MEMO

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2025 Senate Bill **278**

Senate Amendment 1

BACKGROUND

2021 Wisconsin Act 51 created the community-oriented policing-house grant program, which requires the Department of Justice to award grants to cities with a population of 30,000 or more to fund community-oriented policing-house programs, subject to certain criteria.

2023 Wisconsin Act 19 maintained the program for the 2023-25 biennium, appropriated \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023-24, converted the program's appropriation from annual to biennial, and repealed the program, effective July 1, 2025.

2025 SENATE BILL 278

2025 Senate Bill 278 extends the effective date for repeal of the program to July 1, 2027, rather than July 1, 2025.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 changes the program's appropriation from biennial to continuing, allowing the moneys appropriated in Act 19 to be expended in the next biennium.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Wanggaard offered Senate Amendment 1 on June 13, 2025. On June 18, 2025, the Senate adopted the amendment on voice votes, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 32; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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