



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Mette, BB0251 – Transit safety oversight

FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER TRANSPORTATION

Under current law, rail transport generally is regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The FRA does not regulate certain public transportation systems that operate along a fixed guideway. This bill creates a transit safety oversight program within DOT and creates state and federal appropriations. Under the bill, DOT may oversee, enforce, investigate, and audit all safety aspects of fixed guideway transit systems.

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. 20.395 (4) (as) of the statutes is created to read:

20.395 (4) (as) *Transit safety oversight, state funds.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the transit safety oversight program under s. 85.066.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 20.395 (4) (ay) of the statutes is created to read:

20.395 (4) (ay) *Transit safety oversight, federal funds.* All moneys received from the federal government for transit safety oversight under s. 85.066 for such purposes.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 3. 85.066 of the statutes is created to read:

85.066 Transit safety oversight program. (1) DEFINITION. In this section, “fixed guideway transit system” means a public transportation system being designed, engineered, constructed, or operated that is intended to operate upon a fixed guideway, including a railway, and that is not subject to regulation by the federal railroad administration.

(2) PROGRAM AND FUNDING. The department shall develop and administer a transit safety oversight program. Under the program, the department may oversee, enforce, investigate, and audit all safety aspects of fixed guideway transit systems.

(END)