



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0192 - Volkswagen settlement funds

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**GENERAL STATE GOVERNMENT**

***Volkswagen settlement grants***

Under current law, moneys received under a settlement that the state received from a legal action against Volkswagen are held in an appropriation account that limits spending to three purposes: replacement of state fleet vehicles, grants for the replacement of public transit vehicles, and grants for the replacement of school buses. This bill eliminates the school bus grant program and provides that grants may be awarded for the replacement of public transit vehicles and the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The bill requires that, of the settlement funds that are received for grants during the 2021-23 biennium, DOA must allocate \$10 million for electric vehicle charging stations and any funds in excess of \$10 million to the replacement of state vehicles with fuel efficient or electric vehicles.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 16.047 (4m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.047 (4m) (b) The department shall establish a program to award grants of settlement funds from the appropriation under s. 20.855 (4) (h) to eligible applicants for the replacement of public transit vehicles or the installation of charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor. Any eligible applicant may apply for a grant under the program.

**SECTION 2.** 16.047 (4m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.047 (4m) (c) The department shall award grants under this subsection on a competitive basis and shall give preference to the replacement of public transit vehicles or the installation of charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor in communities or on routes that the department determines are critical for the purpose of connecting employees with employers.

**SECTION 3.** 16.047 (4m) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.047 (4m) (d) An eligible applicant may use settlement funds awarded under this subsection only for the payment of costs incurred by the eligible applicant to replace public transit vehicles or install charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor in accordance with the settlement guidelines.

**SECTION 4.** 16.047 (4s) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 5.** 20.855 (4) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.855 (4) (h) *Volkswagen settlement funds*. All moneys received from the trustee of the settlement funds, as defined in s. 16.047 (1) (a), for the replacement of vehicles in the state fleet under s. 16.047 (2) and for the grants under s. 16.047 (4m) ~~and (4s)~~. No moneys may be expended from this appropriation after June 30, 2027.

**SECTION 9101. Nonstatutory provisions; Administration.**

(1) VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT FUNDS. Notwithstanding s. 16.047 (2) (b), during the 2021-23 biennium, of the moneys in the appropriation under s. 20.855 (4) (h), the

department of administration shall allocate \$10,000,000 for grants under 16.047 (4m) for the installation of charging stations for vehicles with an electric motor and shall allocate any remaining moneys for grants under 16.047 (2) for the replacement of vehicles in the state fleet. Vehicles replaced under s. 16.047 (2) during the 2021-23 biennium shall be replaced with vehicles that are fuel-efficient or that have an electric motor.

**(END)**