



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0310 - Youth Justice Appropriation

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

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**JUSTICE**

***Youth diversion services***

Under current law, DOJ allocates \$1,050,000 to contract with organizations to provide services in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, and Brown counties for the diversion of youths from gang activities into productive activities such as educational, recreational, and employment programs. Under current law, these contracts are funded by a penalty surcharge on court fines and forfeitures. This bill creates a GPR appropriation account from which funding for these services may be provided.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.455 (2) (ep) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (2) (ep) *Youth diversion program; supplemental funding.* The amounts in the schedule for youth diversion services under s. 165.987 (1) and (3).

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

**SECTION 2.** 165.987 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

165.987 (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (ep) and (kj), the department of justice shall allocate \$500,000 in each fiscal year to enter into a contract with an organization to provide services in a county having a population of 750,000 or more for the diversion of youths from gang activities into productive activities, including placement in appropriate educational, recreational, and employment programs. Notwithstanding s. 16.75, the department may enter into a contract under this subsection without soliciting bids or proposals and without accepting the lowest responsible bid or offer.

**SECTION 3.** 165.987 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

165.987 (3) From the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (ep) and (kj) the department of justice shall allocate \$150,000 in each fiscal year to enter into a contract with an organization to provide services in Racine County, \$150,000 in each fiscal year to enter into a contract with an organization to provide services in Kenosha County, and \$150,000 in each fiscal year to enter into a contract with an organization to provide services in Brown County, and from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (ep) and (kj), the department shall allocate \$100,000 in each fiscal year to enter into a contract with an organization, for the diversion of youths from gang activities into productive activities, including placement in appropriate educational, recreational, and employment programs, and for alcohol or other drug abuse education and treatment services for participants in that organization's youth diversion program. Notwithstanding s. 16.75, the department may enter into a

contract under this subsection without soliciting bids or proposals and without accepting the lowest responsible bid or offer.

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