



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1549/P1
MLJ:klm

DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0513 - Alternative Emergency Response Expansion
and 911 Diversion

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

JUSTICE

Grants for alternative emergency response and 911 diversion

This bill creates a grant program within DOJ for alternative emergency response and 911 diversion. Under the bill, DOJ must issue grants to counties with a population of 750,000 or more to facilitate contracts between local health departments and behavioral crisis support service providers and to support research, design, and personnel costs associated with creating programs to divert behavioral health situations in 911 call centers.

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

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

20.455 (2) (dm) *Alternative emergency response and 911 diversion grants.* The amounts in the schedule to provide grants under s. 165.895 (2).

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

SECTION 2. 165.895 of the statutes is created to read:

165.895 Alternative emergency response and 911 diversion grants. (1)

In this section:

(a) “Local health department” has the meaning given in s. 250.01 (4).

(b) “Public safety answering point” has the meaning given in s. 256.35 (1) (gm).

(2) From the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (dm), the department shall provide grants to counties having a population of 750,000 or more to be used for any of the following purposes:

(a) For contracts between local health departments and nonprofit organizations to increase the capacity of behavioral crisis support services for nonemergency behavioral health issues.

(b) For research, design, and personnel costs associated with creating programs to divert behavioral health services from public safety answering points.

(3) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a county must submit an application for a grant to the department that includes a proposed plan for expenditure of the grant moneys. The department shall review any application and plan submitted to determine whether that application and plan meet the criteria established under sub. (4). The department shall review the use of grant money provided under this section to ensure that the money is used according to the approved plan.

(4) The department shall develop criteria and procedures for use in administering this section. Notwithstanding s. 227.10 (1), the criteria and procedures need not be promulgated as rules under ch. 227.

(END)