



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1216/P1  
CMH:skw

DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0142 - Elder Abuse Grant Program

**FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**JUSTICE**

***Elder abuse grant program and hotline***

Under current law, DOJ awards grants for many purposes, including grants to organizations to provide services for sexual assault victims. This bill adds that DOJ must award grants to organizations that promote the protection of elders. The bill also appropriates money to fund a statewide elder abuse hotline.

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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) (fw) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (2) (fw) *Elder abuse hotline and grant program.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule to fund a statewide elder abuse hotline and to provide grants under s. 165.937 to programs that promote the protection of elders.

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

**SECTION 2.** 165.937 of the statutes is created to read:

**165.937 Grants for protection of elders. (1)** The department of justice shall award grants from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (fw) to organizations that promote the protection of elders.

**(2)** The department of justice shall provide funds from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (fw) to support a statewide elder abuse hotline for persons to anonymously provide tips regarding suspected elder abuse.

**(END)**