



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1823/P3
MJW:amn

DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0520 - Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous
Women and Relatives

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

JUSTICE

Creating the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

This bill creates within DOJ the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, which is tasked with providing certain services to crime victims, their families, witnesses, and others who are members of a tribe; providing training relating to missing and murdered indigenous women, including search, rescue, and response training; and establishing a grant program related to missing and murdered indigenous women.

For further information see the state 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. 15.253 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

15.253 (4) OFFICE OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN. There is created an office of missing and murdered indigenous women. The director of the office shall be appointed by the attorney general.

SECTION 2. 20.455 (5) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (5) (c) *Office of missing and murdered indigenous women.* The amounts in the schedule for the administration of the office of missing and murdered indigenous women and to provide grants under s. 165.97 (3).

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

SECTION 3. 20.923 (4) (c) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

20.923 (4) (c) 7. Justice, department of: director of the office of missing and murdered indigenous women.

SECTION 4. 165.97 of the statutes is created to read:

165.97 Office of missing and murdered indigenous women. (1)

DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(d) "Office" means the office of missing and murdered indigenous women.

(m) "Tribe" means a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state.

(2) DUTIES. The office shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide services to crime victims and witnesses who are members of a tribe.

(b) Provide trauma-informed health and wellness support for crime victims, their families, and other persons who are members of a tribe.

(c) Offer or contract with another entity to offer training relating to missing and murdered indigenous women. Training under this paragraph may include training topics such as search and rescue tactics, enhanced response and coordination tactics

across federal, state, and tribal jurisdictions, and other topics relating to missing and murdered indigenous women.

(3) GRANT PROGRAM. The office shall establish a program to provide grants from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (5) (c) to tribes and organizations affiliated with tribes relating to missing and murdered indigenous women.

SECTION 5. 230.08 (2) (wd) of the statutes is created to read:

230.08 **(2)** (wd) The director of the office of missing and murdered indigenous women in the department of justice.

(END)