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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 356**

**Assembly Amendments 1 and 2**

### 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 356

2023 Assembly Bill 356 requires the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to administer a grant program for incumbent local exchange carriers for the reimbursement of costs associated with the following:

- The IP-based transport of Next Generation 911.
- The database used to operate Next Generation 911.
- The purchase, installation, and maintenance of Next Generation 911 equipment.

The bill appropriates \$8 million in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 from the Police and Fire Protection Fund.<sup>1</sup>

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 reduces to \$0 the appropriation in fiscal year 2023-24, reduces to \$6 million the appropriation in fiscal year 2024-25, and provides that no moneys may be encumbered under the appropriation after June 30, 2027.

Assembly Amendment 1 also requires DMA to report the following information to the Legislature by January 1, 2027:

- A summary of the status of the emergency services IP network.
- A summary of the total amount of grants issued for the three types of reimbursement listed above.
- A projection of additional necessary costs for the reimbursement of incumbent local exchange carriers' costs in the future.
- A recommendation regarding whether the grant program should continue to operate after June 30, 2027.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Effective July 1, 2024, Assembly Amendment 2 updates the name of the Police and Fire Protection Fund to the 911 Fund in the appropriation created in the bill, to coincide with the date that 2023 Wisconsin Act 19 re-names the fund.

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<sup>1</sup> 2023 Wisconsin Act 19 re-names the Police and Fire Protection Fund as the 911 Fund, effective July 1, 2024.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Kurtz offered Assembly Amendment 1 on December 27, 2023. On January 10, 2024, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 2; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0. The bill was then referred to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF).

Representative Kurtz offered Assembly Amendment 2 on January 10, 2024. On January 11, 2024, the JCF recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, each on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 1.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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