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## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1208

April 11, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives Stubbs, J. Anderson, Shankland, Sinicki and Subeck, cosponsored by Senators L. Johnson, Carpenter, Wirch, Smith and Hesselbein. Referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care.

AN ACT to amend 250.20 (3) of the statutes; relating to: minority health grants.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill adds a funding priority for the minority health program through which the Department of Health Services annually awards grants to organizations for activities to improve the health status of economically disadvantaged minority group members. Under current law, DHS awards grants of up to $\$ 50,000$ per year per applicant and requires that applicants that are not federally qualified health centers receive priority for grants. This bill requires that applicants providing maternal and child health services also receive priority for these grants.

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

SECTION 1. 250.20 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
250.20 (3) From the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (1) (cr), the department shall annually award grants for activities to improve the health status of economically disadvantaged minority group members. A person may apply, in the manner specified by the department, for a grant of up to $\$ 50,000$ in each fiscal year to conduct these activities. An awardee of a grant under this subsection shall
provide, for at least 50 percent of the grant amount, matching funds that may consist of funding or an in-kind contribution. An applicant that is not a federally qualified health center, as defined under 42 CFR 405.2401 (b) shall receive priority for grants awarded under this subsection. An applicant that provides maternal and child health services shall receive priority for grants awarded under this subsection.

