



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 278

May 30, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives DONOVAN, CALLAHAN, BRILL, DITTRICH, KNODL, KREIBICH, MAXEY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, PIWOWARCZYK, SORTWELL, SPIROS, SUBECK, TUSLER and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD and BRADLEY. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 165.981 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to law
2 enforcement agencies for data-sharing platforms.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Justice awards grants to cities and law enforcement agencies for various purposes, including to pay for uniformed beat patrol officers and to enable agencies to purchase body cameras. This bill requires DOJ to award grants to law enforcement agencies to acquire data-sharing platforms.

The bill sets forth criteria that data-sharing platforms must meet to be covered by the grant. The criteria include that the platform must be able to integrate data from common law enforcement systems on a real-time basis; eliminate redundant records; restrict access to information by data type, roles, and other parameters; allow for controlled data integration and sharing among law enforcement agencies; be accessed on devices commonly used by law enforcement agencies; and ensure that law enforcement agencies retain rights to agency data.

The bill also provides that the Joint Committee on Finance, upon request by DOJ, may provide up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2025-27 biennium to implement the grant program.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 165.981 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **165.981 Grants for data-sharing platforms for law enforcement.** (1) In
3 this section, “law enforcement agency” has the meaning given in s. 165.98 (1).

4 **(2)** The department of justice shall award grants to law enforcement agencies
5 for the acquisition of a data-sharing platform.

6 **(3)** A law enforcement agency that receives a grant under sub. (2) shall use
7 the grant funds to acquire a data-sharing platform to which all of the following
8 apply:

9 (a) The platform is able to integrate data from common law enforcement
10 systems on a real-time basis.

11 (b) The platform is able to identify and eliminate redundant records in law
12 enforcement systems.

13 (c) The platform is able to provide advance, configurable search, analytics,
14 and visualization capabilities that support common mission needs for law
15 enforcement.

16 (d) The platform allows law enforcement agencies to appropriately restrict
17 access to information by data type, organization, roles, responsibilities, individual
18 investigations, and other parameters.

19 (e) The platform allows for secure, permission-controlled data integration and
20 sharing among participating law enforcement agencies.

21 (f) The platform is able to be accessed on various devices commonly used by
22 law enforcement agencies.

23 (g) The platform has a demonstrated record of meeting or exceeding similar

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1 mission needs and the ability to reach full operational capability within 90 days of
2 initiation.

3 (h) The platform allows for integration with existing law enforcement agency
4 identity and access management solutions, such as single-sign-on and multifactor
5 authentication.

6 (i) The platform is hosted in a secure environment that is compliant with
7 Criminal Justice Information Services standards and that can scale to
8 accommodate volume and velocity of law enforcement data needs.

9 (j) The platform is able to provide granular audit logging for all user
10 interactions with data.

11 (k) The platform is able to provide an open, interoperable architecture and
12 business terms that ensure the law enforcement agency retains all rights to agency
13 data.

14 **SECTION 9127. Nonstatutory provisions; Justice.**

15 (1) GRANT FUNDING. In the 2025-27 fiscal biennium, upon request by the
16 department of justice, the joint committee on finance may supplement the
17 appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (a) with sufficient funds from s. 20.865 (4) (a), not
18 to exceed \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year, to implement the grant program under s.
19 165.981.

20 (END)