

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 16.964 (19) and 20.505 (6) (hm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
 2 state 911 grant program.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on 911 Communications.

This bill draft would create the state 911 grant program. Under this program, the state 911 council would establish, and the office of justice assistance (OJA) would promulgate by rule, eligibility criteria and purposes for grants to be provided to public safety answering points (PSAPs).

Purposes of these grants may include advanced training of telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses, and incentives for consolidation of PSAPs, but may not include general public safety answering point overhead or staffing costs or costs for providing emergency services or emergency services equipment.

The state 911 council and OJA are required to establish basic training and service standards that PSAPs must meet to be eligible for a grant, and the OJA’s rules are required to include measures to ensure the accountability of grant recipients.

The grant program would be funded by any moneys collected under the police and fire protection fee in addition to the average of collections during the 2010–11 and 2011–12 fiscal years and by revenue from the state 911 system fee in excess of that needed to fund state 911 telecommunications services. (See WLC: 0048/P1.)

3 **SECTION 1.** 16.964 (19) of the statutes is created to read:

4 16.964 (19) STATE 911 GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this subsection, “public safety answering
 5 point” has the meaning given in s. 256.35 (1) (gm).

6 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (6) (hm) and under the direction of the state
 7 911 council, the office shall provide grants to public safety answering points for the

1 improvement of 911 services in the state. Grants shall be provided for purposes specified by
2 the state 911 council and promulgated by rule by the office, and may include advanced training
3 of telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses, and incentives for consolidation of
4 some or all of the functions of 2 or more public safety answering points. Grant purposes shall
5 not include general public safety answering point overhead or staffing costs or costs for
6 providing emergency services or emergency services equipment. The 911 council shall
7 develop, and the office shall promulgate by rule, criteria and procedures for use in selecting
8 grantees and administering the grant program, including basic training and service standards
9 that must be met for a public safety answering point to be eligible for a grant under this
10 subsection. The rules promulgated by the office under this subsection shall include measures
11 to ensure the accountability of public safety answering point grant recipients.

12 (c) By February 28 of each odd-numbered year, the office shall submit a report to the
13 chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate standing
14 committees under s. 13.72 (3), regarding receipts and expenditures made by the 911 advisory
15 council and under the grant program under this subsection; the status of 911 services in this
16 state; and any recommendations to modify statutory liability exemptions, including those for
17 public safety answering points that divert nuisance or harassing calls and for multiline
18 telephone system owners or operators.

19 **SECTION 2.** 20.505 (6) (hm) of the statutes is created to read:

20 20.505 (6) (hm) *State 911 fund.* All moneys received from the public service
21 commission and the department of revenue from the appropriation accounts under [] and [
22] to provide grants under the state 911 grant program under s. 16.964 (19) and to administer
23 the program and to provide administrative support to the state 911 council.

24 (END)