



State of Wisconsin
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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2013 BILL

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

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

This bill 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 PSAP 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.

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

2 16.964 (19) (a) In this subsection, “public safety answering point” has the
3 meaning given in s. 256.35 (1) (gm).

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

7 (c) The office shall promulgate rules on all of the following:

8 1. Using the purposes specified by the state 911 council under s. 16.9647, the
9 purposes of the grants under par. (b), which may include advanced training of
10 telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses, and incentives to consolidate
11 some or all of the functions of 2 or more public safety answering points. Grant
12 purposes may not include general public safety answering point overhead or staffing
13 costs or costs for providing emergency services or emergency services equipment.

14 2. Using the criteria developed by the state 911 council under s. 16.9647 (2) (e),
15 criteria and procedures for use in selecting grantees and administering the grant
16 program under par. (b), including basic training and service standards that must be
17 met for a public safety answering point to be eligible for a grant.

18 3. Measures to ensure the accountability of grant recipients under par. (b).

19 (d) By February 28 of each odd-numbered year, the office shall submit a report
20 to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate
21 standing committees under s. 13.172 (3), regarding receipts and expenditures made
22 by the state 911 council and under the grant program under this subsection; the
23 status of 911 services in this state; and any recommendations to modify liability
24 exemptions under s. 256.35 (7), including those for public safety answering points

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1 that divert nuisance or harassing calls and for multiline telephone system owners
2 or operators.

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

4 20.505 (6) (hm) *State 911 grant program.* All moneys received under s. 196.025
5 (6) (c) 3., and all moneys received under s. 256.35 (3) (dm) that are not appropriated
6 under s. 20.155 (3) (g), to provide grants under the state 911 grant program under
7 s. 16.964 (19), to administer the program, and to provide administrative support to
8 the state 911 council, except that not more than 1 percent of the moneys received
9 under this paragraph may be used to administer the program and to provide
10 administrative support.

11 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

12 (1) RECONCILIATION. This act is void if 2013 Assembly Bill (LRB-0919/1),
13 2013 Assembly Bill (LRB-0921/1), 2013 Assembly Bill (LRB-0923/1), or 2013
14 Assembly Bill (LRB-0924/1) is not enacted.

15 (END)