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Minor Policy and Technical Changes -- Multijurisdictional Enforcement Group Assistant District Attorney Positions (District Attorneys)

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CURRENT LAW

The Byrne grant program was established under the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. Under current law, Byrne grant and matching penalty assessment funds are used to support the activities of anti-drug task forces. Task forces can use their grants to fund positions, including anti-drug prosecutors.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$376,900 PR in 2003-04 and \$390,800 PR in 2004-05 and 4.0 PR positions annually to the District Attorneys' interagency and intra-agency assistance appropriation to reflect additional Byrne and penalty assessment funding to provide 3.0 additional assistant district attorney positions to Milwaukee County and 1.0 additional assistant district attorney position to Dane County. These positions would be added to anti-drug task forces in both counties to prosecute criminal violations of Chapter 961 (the Uniform Controlled Substances Act).

MODIFICATION

Delete \$376,900 PR in 2003-04 and \$390,800 PR in 2004-05 and 4.0 PR positions annually from the District Attorneys' interagency and intra-agency assistance appropriation. Provide -\$5,600 PR in 2003-04 and \$8,300 PR in 2004-05 to the District Attorneys' gifts and grants appropriation to fully fund the ongoing salary and fringe benefits for these positions.

Explanation: These 4.0 prosecutor positions created and funded under the bill are already authorized and funded under the District Attorneys' gifts and grants appropriation. As a result, the modification eliminates the duplicative funding and position authority and provides the necessary standard budget adjustments to fully fund these positions.

<u>Modification</u>	<u>PR</u>
2003-05 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$765,000
2004-05 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 4.00

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