



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 837**

January 18, 2022 - Offered by Representative MCGUIRE.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.455 (2) (bo), 20.455 (2) (eo), 40.02 (22) (b) 13., 111.70 (4) (mc)  
2 7., 111.91 (2) (em) and 165.985 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for law  
3 enforcement officer recruiting and bonuses for law enforcement officers and  
4 making an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 20.455 (2) (bo) of the statutes is created to read:  
6 20.455 (2) (bo) *Law enforcement officer bonus grants.* A sum sufficient to make  
7 the grant payments under 2021 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 7 (1).

8 **SECTION 2.** 20.455 (2) (eo) of the statutes is created to read:  
9 20.455 (2) (eo) *Law enforcement officer recruitment grants.* A sum sufficient  
10 to make the grant payments under s. 165.985.

11 **SECTION 3.** 40.02 (22) (b) 13. of the statutes is created to read:

1           40.02 **(22)** (b) 13. Payment of a signing bonus to a law enforcement officer under  
2 s. 165.985.

3           **SECTION 4.** 111.70 (4) (mc) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

4           111.70 **(4)** (mc) 7. A signing bonus provided under s. 165.985.

5           **SECTION 5.** 111.91 (2) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

6           111.91 **(2)** (em) A signing bonus provided under s. 165.985.

7           **SECTION 6.** 165.985 of the statutes is created to read:

8           **165.985 Law enforcement officer recruitment grant program. (1)** In  
9 this section:

10           (a) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning given in s. 165.85 (2) (bv).

11           (b) “Law enforcement officer” has the meaning given in s. 165.85 (2) (c).

12           **(2)** The department of justice shall award grants to law enforcement agencies  
13 to provide signing bonuses to law enforcement officers under sub. (3).

14           **(3)** A law enforcement agency may provide a onetime signing bonus of \$5,000  
15 to a law enforcement officer who has not been previously employed as a law  
16 enforcement officer in this state.

17           **(4)** The bonus provided under sub. (3) may be increased by \$1,000 per year of  
18 prior service as a law enforcement officer in another state. The total bonus may not  
19 exceed \$10,000.

20           **(5)** A bonus paid under sub. (3) is contingent upon the law enforcement officer  
21 completing 3 years of service as a law enforcement officer in this state. The 3-year  
22 period may accrue in employment with subsequent employers as long as any  
23 transitional periods of unemployment do not exceed one month. If the law  
24 enforcement officer does not complete 3 years of service, he or she shall repay the  
25 bonus.

1           **SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2           (1) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BONUSES.

3           (a) In this subsection:

4           1. “Department” means the department of justice.

5           2. “Law enforcement agency” means a governmental unit of one or more  
6 persons employed full time by this state or a political subdivision or a combination  
7 of political subdivisions for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and  
8 enforcing state laws or local ordinances, employees of which unit are authorized to  
9 make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority.

10          3. “Law enforcement officer” means a person employed by a law enforcement  
11 agency for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or  
12 ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws or  
13 ordinances that the person is employed and sworn to enforce.

14          4. “Political subdivision” means a city, village, town, or county.

15          (b) No later than October 1, 2022, each person in charge of a law enforcement  
16 agency shall certify to the department the number of full-time law enforcement  
17 officers employed by the law enforcement agency that will have at least one year of  
18 employment as a law enforcement officer with the law enforcement agency by  
19 December 31, 2022.

20          (c) Upon receiving a certification under par. (b), the department shall award  
21 a grant from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (bo) to the certifying law  
22 enforcement agency in an amount equal to the number of law enforcement officers  
23 certified under par. (b) multiplied by \$2,000.

24          (d) The department shall pay the grant amounts under par. (c) no later than  
25 December 31, 2022.

