



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 454

July 12, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives BOWEN, L. MYERS, HONG, ANDERSON, BALDEH, BILLINGS, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, GOYKE, HEBL, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SPREITZER and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, LARSON, AGARD, CARPENTER, ROYS and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1     **AN ACT to renumber** 165.85 (5x); **to amend** 20.455 (2) (am); and **to create**  
2           20.455 (2) (aq), 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. and 165.85 (5x) (b) of the statutes; **relating**  
3           **to:** law enforcement training on use-of-force options and making an  
4           appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires each law enforcement officer to annually complete at least eight hours of training on use-of-force options and techniques a law enforcement officer may use to de-escalate a potentially unstable situation. This bill also provides \$250,000 in each fiscal year in the 2021-23 fiscal biennium for the Department of Justice to reimburse political subdivisions for costs of the training.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
6           the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 454****SECTION 1****2021-22****2022-23****1 20.455 Justice, department of****2 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES****3 (aq) Use-of-force options training GPR A 250,000 250,000****4 SECTION 2.** 20.455 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

**5 20.455 (2) (am) *Officer training reimbursement.* A sum sufficient to make**  
**6 payments under s. 165.85 (5x) (a).** The amount appropriated under this paragraph  
**7 may not exceed \$150,000 in any fiscal year.**

**8 SECTION 3.** 20.455 (2) (aq) of the statutes is created to read:

**9 20.455 (2) (aq) *Use-of-force options training.* The amounts in the schedule to**  
**10 reimburse political subdivisions for training costs under s. 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. as**  
**11 provided in s. 165.85 (5x) (b).**

**12 SECTION 4.** 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. of the statutes is created to read:

**13 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d.** Each officer who is subject to this subdivision shall annually  
**14 complete at least 8 hours of scenario-based training on use-of-force options,**  
**15 focusing on skills and tactics that minimize the likelihood of using force, including**  
**16 de-escalation tactics. In this subd. 7. d., “de-escalation tactics” are actions and**  
**17 techniques used by law enforcement officers to slow down or stabilize a potentially**  
**18 unstable situation to allow for more time, options, and resources for resolution or**  
**19 prevention of an incident. Hours of training completed under this subd. 7. d. shall**  
**20 count toward the hours of training required under subd. 7. a.**

**21 SECTION 5.** 165.85 (5x) of the statutes is renumbered 165.85 (5x) (a).**22 SECTION 6.** 165.85 (5x) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           165.85 (~~5x~~) (b) In each fiscal year, the department of justice shall determine  
2           the amount of training costs each political subdivision incurs under sub. (4) (a) 7. d.  
3           If the moneys available under s. 20.455 (2) (aq) are insufficient to reimburse the  
4           political subdivisions for their costs, the department shall establish a system to  
5           prorate the reimbursements.

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