

## GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 832** in its entirety.

This bill would require the Law Enforcement Standards Board to reimburse certain individual preparatory training expenses and agency recertification training expenses. These reimbursement programs would end on December 31, 2024, and would be funded by requiring the Governor to allocate federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

To date, I have been proud to invest more than \$100 million into violence and crime prevention and efforts to promote public safety in communities across our state. Among that \$100 million includes a program to invest nearly \$19 million into providing funding to local and tribal law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin. This will enable these public safety agencies to address the unique needs facing their communities, including training, recruitment bonuses, community policing needs, and technology investments. The determination of an agency's amount is a formula based on the population served and includes a violent crime add-on for locations where violent crime exceeds the statewide average.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature's effort to limit the state's ability to use federal funds and because my administration has been using ARPA federal aid to make meaningful investments in violence prevention and crime prevention and community safety efforts. The Governor of Wisconsin is charged with overseeing the use of federal funds under Section 16.54 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, which is clearly established, has been in place for decades, and was reaffirmed by legislative leadership in a letter sent to me in April 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
*TONY EVERS*  
Governor