



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



LRB-1372/2
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DOA:.....Byrnes, BB0339 – Eliminate grant component of the intercity bus assistance program

FOR 2011-13 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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Under current law, DOT administers an intercity bus assistance program. Under the program, DOT may make grants to cities, villages, towns, or counties or enter into contracts with private providers of intercity bus service for the purpose of increasing the availability of intercity bus service in this state. This bill eliminates the grant portion of the program.

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

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

SECTION 1. 20.395 (1) (bq) of the statutes is repealed.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 20.395 (1) (bv) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.395 (1) (bv) *Transit and other transportation-related aids, local funds.* All moneys received from any local unit of government or other source for urban mass transit purposes under s. 85.20, for rural public transportation purposes under s. 85.23, or for transportation employment and mobility purposes under s. 85.24 that are not funded from other appropriations under this subsection, ~~or for intercity bus assistance purposes under s. 85.26,~~ for such purposes.

SECTION 3. 85.26 (1) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 85.26 (1) (intro.) and (a) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 85.26 (1) and amended to read:

85.26 (1) In this section: ~~(a) “Intercity,~~ “intercity bus service” means regularly scheduled bus service for the general public that operates with limited stops over fixed routes connecting 2 or more urban areas not in close proximity, that has the capacity for transporting baggage carried by passengers, and that makes meaningful connections with scheduled intercity bus service to more distant points if service to more distant points is available.

SECTION 5. 85.26 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 6. 85.26 (1) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 7. 85.26 (2) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 8. 85.26 (2) (a) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 85.26 (2) (a) and amended to read:

85.26 (2) (a) The department ~~shall develop and administer an intercity bus assistance program to increase the availability of intercity bus service in this state. Under this program, the department may do any of the following:~~ 1. Contract may

contract with private providers of intercity bus service to support intercity bus service routes of the provider.

SECTION 9. 85.26 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 10. 85.26 (2) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.26 (2) (b) (intro.) All expenditures under the program for contracts under par. (a) shall be made from the appropriations appropriation under s. 20.395 (1) ~~(bq), (bv), and (bx)~~. ~~The department may not enter into any contract under par. (a) 1., or award any grant under par. (a) 2., that provides funds to support any intercity bus service route in an amount exceeding the lesser of the following:~~

SECTION 11. 85.26 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 12. 85.26 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 13. 85.26 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

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