



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 1165

March 10, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives BROSTOFF, EMERSON, CONLEY, SINICKI, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, S. RODRIGUEZ, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK and VINING, cosponsored by Senators LARSON, AGARD, BEWLEY and SMITH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 46.48 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:** deaf, hard of hearing,
2 and deaf-blind behavioral health treatment program, communication services,
3 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the Department of Health Services, as part of the grants DHS is required to award for community programs, to distribute up to \$1,936,000 in each fiscal year starting with fiscal year 2022-23 to local health departments to provide behavioral health treatment services and communication services as required for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.

For further information see the state 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 46.48 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:
5 46.48 **(3m)** DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF-BLIND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
6 TREATMENT PROGRAM. The department may distribute a total of not more than
7 \$1,936,000 in each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2022-23, to local health

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1 departments, as defined in s. 250.01 (4), to provide behavioral health treatment
2 services and to utilize techniques needed to enable appropriate linguistic
3 communication for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind.

4 **SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

5 (1) DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAF-BLIND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT
6 PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department
7 of health services under s. 20.435 (5) (bc), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23
8 is increased by \$1,936,000 to provide grants to local health departments to provide
9 services to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind under s. 46.48
10 (3m).

11 (END)