



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 549

September 10, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SUBECK, CABRERA, ANDERSON, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, JOHNSON, AGARD, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, LARSON, PFAFF and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.145 (1) (a) and 601.415 (14) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 pharmacy benefits tool grants, education and higher education funding, and
3 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to award grants in an amount of up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year to health care providers to develop and implement a tool that would allow prescribers to disclose the cost of prescription drugs for patients. The tool must be usable by physicians and other prescribers to determine the cost of prescription drugs for their patients. Any health care provider that receives a grant to develop and implement a patient pharmacy benefits tool is required to contribute matching funds equal to at least 50 percent of the total grant awarded. If the grants are awarded, the bill provides additional funding to the Department of Public Instruction for aids for special education and to the University of Wisconsin System and the technical college system.

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

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1 **20.145 Insurance, Office of the Commissioner**

2 **of**

3 (1) SUPERVISION OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

4 (a) State operations GPR A -0- 500,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.145 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.145 (1) (a) *State operations.* The amounts in the schedule for general
7 program operations.

8 **SECTION 3.** 601.415 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

9 601.415 (14) PATIENT PHARMACY BENEFITS TOOL. (a) From the appropriation
10 under s. 20.145 (1) (a), beginning in the 2022-23 fiscal year, the office shall award
11 grants in a total amount of up to \$500,000 each fiscal year to health care providers
12 to develop and implement a tool for prescribers to disclose the cost of prescription
13 drugs for patients. The tool must be usable by physicians and other prescribers to
14 determine the cost of prescription drugs for their patients.

15 (b) Any health care provider that receives a grant under par. (a) shall contribute
16 matching funds equal to at least 50 percent of the grant amount awarded.

17 **SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

18 (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION AID. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
19 appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), if the
20 grants under s. 601.415 (14) are awarded, the dollar amount is increased by \$315,000
21 for the fiscal year of the 2021-23 fiscal biennium in which the grants are awarded
22 to increase funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88.

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1 (2) UW SYSTEM; GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005
2 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin
3 System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), if the grants under s. 601.415 (14) are awarded, the
4 dollar amount is increased by \$68,000 for the fiscal year of the 2021-23 fiscal
5 biennium in which the grants are awarded to increase funding for the purposes for
6 which the appropriation is made.

7 (3) STATE AIDS FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for
8 the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (d), if the
9 grants under s. 601.415 (14) are awarded, the dollar amount is increased by \$12,000
10 to increase funding for the fiscal year of the 2021-23 fiscal biennium in which the
11 grants are awarded for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.

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