



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1221

April 11, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives MADISON, STUBBS, HONG, CLANCY, BARE, EMERSON, NEUBAUER and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators L. JOHNSON, LARSON, AGARD and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.435 (1) (gd) and 255.20 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 violence prevention grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Department of Health Services to establish a program to distribute funds to local health departments or tribal health centers that apply to conduct violence prevention programs or to award grants to organizations to conduct violence prevention programs. Under the bill, the amounts collected from the excise taxes on vapor products are appropriated to fund the grants. The bill prohibits local health departments and tribal health centers from distributing grant funds under the program to a law enforcement agency, tribal law enforcement agency, or any entity that provides services in conjunction with or through a law enforcement agency or tribal law enforcement agency. The bill increases the number of authorized DHS positions by one position in fiscal year 2023-24 for administration of the program and also increases funding to DHS for this position.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (1) (gd) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 20.435 (1) (gd) *Violence prevention grants*. All moneys received from taxes
2 imposed and collected under subch. III of ch. 139 with respect to vapor products, as
3 defined in s. 139.75 (14), for grants to local health departments or tribal health
4 centers under s. 255.20 (4).

5 **SECTION 2.** 255.20 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

6 255.20 (4) (a) In this subsection:

7 1. "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in s. 165.85 (2) (bv).

8 2. "Tribal law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in s. 165.83 (1) (e).

9 (b) Establish a program to distribute moneys from the appropriation under s.
10 20.435 (1) (gd) to local health departments or tribal health centers that apply for
11 moneys to conduct violence prevention programs or to award grants to organizations
12 to conduct violence prevention programs. A local health department or tribal health
13 center may not distribute grant funds under this subsection to a law enforcement
14 agency, a tribal law enforcement agency, or any entity that provides services in
15 conjunction with or through a law enforcement agency or tribal law enforcement
16 agency. Grant applications are due no later than June 30 of each fiscal year.

17 **SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.**

18 (1) **VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.** In the schedule under
19 s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s.
20 20.435 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$30,000 to
21 increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 1.0 GPR position for the
22 administration of the violence prevention grant program under s. 255.20 (4). In the
23 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health

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1 services under s. 20.435 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased
2 by \$120,000 to provide funding for the position authorized under this subsection.

3 (END)