



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 701**

February 1, 2024 - Offered by Senators HUTTON and PFAFF.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 971.19 (2); and *to create* 165.985, 943.20 (5) and 943.50 (6)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** theft crimes, grants to target theft crimes, and
3 providing a penalty.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 165.985 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **165.985 Grants for task forces to target theft crimes.** (1) The department
6 of justice shall award grants to district attorneys, law enforcement agencies, and
7 counties for the purpose of forming task forces to improve response to, investigation
8 of, and prosecution of organized retail theft crimes, vehicle and vehicle accessory
9 theft crimes, and cargo theft crimes.

10 (2) District attorneys, law enforcement agencies, and counties may apply to the
11 department of justice for grants under this section. The department of justice shall

1 give priority for grant awards to applicants who demonstrate that theft crimes have
2 had a detrimental impact on a neighborhood, region, jurisdiction, or other local area.

3 **(3)** The department of justice shall submit an annual report to the
4 cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance providing an account of the grants
5 awarded under this section and the expenditures made with the grant moneys.

6 **SECTION 2.** 943.20 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

7 943.20 **(5)** AGGREGATION OF VALUES. For purposes of charging and penalty
8 determinations under sub. (3) (a) to (cm), the value of property from multiple
9 violations committed by the same person in a 6-month period may be aggregated.

10 **SECTION 3.** 943.50 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

11 943.50 **(6)** For purposes of charging and penalty determinations under sub. (4)
12 (a) to (c), the value of property from multiple violations committed by the same
13 person in a 6-month period may be aggregated.

14 **SECTION 4.** 971.19 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 971.19 **(2)** Where 2 or more acts are requisite to the commission of any offense
16 or if 2 or more acts are aggregated under s. 943.20 (5) or 943.50 (6), the trial may be
17 in any county in which any of such acts occurred.

18 (END)