

State of Wisconsin



2019 Assembly Bill 471

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2019 WISCONSIN ACT 26

AN ACT *to amend* 256.35 (3s) (d) 4.; and *to create* 256.35 (3s) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for Next Generation 911 and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 256.35 (3s) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

256.35 (3s) (bm) *Competitive grant program.* 1. The department shall award grants to public safety answering points for the purposes identified under subd. 2. using the criteria in subd. 3.

2. The department shall promulgate rules that identify appropriate purposes for grants under subd. 1. based on the recommendations of the 911 subcommittee under par. (d) 4. Grant purposes may include advanced training of telecommunicators, equipment or software expenses, and incentives to consolidate some or all of the functions of 2 or more public safety answering points. Grant purposes may not include general public safety answering point overhead or staffing costs or costs for providing emergency services or emergency services equipment.

3. The department shall promulgate rules that contain eligibility criteria for grants under subd. 1. based on the recommendations of the 911 subcommittee under par. (d) 4.

4. The department may not award a grant under subd. 1. to more than one public safety answering point per county.

SECTION 2. 256.35 (3s) (d) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

256.35 (3s) (d) 4. ~~If funding is made available for the department or another state agency to make grants to public safety answering points for training or upgrading facilities or services or for implementing Next Generation 911, advise~~ Advise the department or other state agency on ~~making the awarding Next Generation 911 grants under par. (bm) 1., including advising on appropriate grant purposes and~~ making the awarding Next Generation 911 grants under par. (bm) 1., including advising on appropriate grant purposes and eligibility criteria for the grants. The criteria shall include basic training and service standards that grant applicants must satisfy.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."