



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1778/P1

MJW:emw

DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0440 - Disposition of Settlement Funds

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**JUSTICE**

***Gifts and grants and disposition of settlement funds***

This bill repeals certain changes made by [2017 Wisconsin Act 369](#) relating to gifts and grants and certain proceeds received by DOJ, specifically reversing provisions that changed a DOJ gifts and grants appropriation and a DOJ gifts, grants, and proceeds appropriation from continuing appropriations to annual appropriations.

Second, the bill repeals the requirement that the attorney general must deposit all settlement funds into the general fund. The bill restores procedures relating to discretionary settlement funds under which the attorney general could expend certain settlement funds not committed under the terms of a settlement after submitting a plan to JCF for passive review only if either 1) the cochairpersons of JCF do not schedule a meeting or 2) a meeting is scheduled and JCF approves a plan for expenditure.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.455 (2) (gb) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.455 (2) (gb) *Gifts and grants.* ~~The amounts in the schedule to carry out the purposes for which gifts and grants are made and received.~~ All moneys received from gifts and grants, other than moneys received for and credited to another appropriation account under this subsection, ~~shall be credited to this appropriation account~~ to carry out the purposes for which made and received.

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\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 20.455 (3) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.455 (3) (g) *Gifts, grants and proceeds.* ~~The amounts in the schedule to carry out the purposes for which gifts and grants are made and collected.~~ All moneys received from gifts and grants and all proceeds from services, conferences, and sales of publications and promotional materials to carry out the purposes for which made or collected, except as provided in sub. (2) (gm) and (gp) and to transfer to s. 20.505 (1) (kg), at the discretion of the attorney general, an amount not to exceed \$98,300 annually, ~~shall be credited to this appropriation account.~~

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 3.** 165.10 of the statutes is amended to read:

**165.10 Deposit Limits on expenditure of discretionary settlement funds.** ~~The Notwithstanding s. 20.455 (3) (g), before the attorney general shall deposit all~~ may expend settlement funds into the general fund under s. 20.455 (3) (g) that are not committed under the terms of the settlement, the attorney general shall submit to the joint committee on finance a proposed plan for the expenditure of the funds. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the attorney general within 14 working days after the submittal that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed plan, the attorney general may expend the funds to implement the proposed plan. If, within 14 working days after the submittal, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the attorney general that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of

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reviewing the proposed plan, the attorney general may expend the funds only to implement the plan as approved by the committee.

(END)