



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE  
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## BILL

1 AN ACT *to create* 20.455 (2) (en) of the statutes; **relating to:** treatment and  
2 diversion programs and making appropriations.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the Department of Justice awards grants to counties to provide alternatives to prosecution and incarceration for criminal offenders who abuse alcohol or other drugs. This bill provides moneys from general purpose revenue in each fiscal year in amounts specified in the bill for grants to counties operating treatment and diversion programs, to expand the grant program to more counties, and to create a pilot program to divert certain persons to treatment options instead of the criminal justice system.

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:*

3 SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**20.455 Justice, department of**

(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

(en) Diversion pilot program; treat-  
ment and diversion expansion

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**SECTION 2.** 20.455 (2) (en) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (2) (en) *Diversion pilot program; treatment and diversion expansion.*

The amounts in the schedule to create a diversion pilot program for nonviolent offenders to be diverted to a treatment option and to expand the grant program under s. 165.95 (2) to additional counties.

**SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM. Before the department of justice expends the moneys described in SECTION 4 (3) of this act from the appropriation under section 20.455 (2) (en) of the statutes, the department of justice shall submit to the joint committee on finance a proposed plan for the expenditure of those moneys to create a diversion pilot program for nonviolent offenders to be diverted to a treatment option. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the department of justice within 14 working days after the date of the department's submittal that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed plan, the department of justice may expend the moneys to implement the proposed plan. If, within 14 working days after the date of the department of justice's submittal, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the department of justice that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed plan, the

1 department of justice may expend the moneys described in SECTION 4 (3) of this act  
2 only on approval of the committee.

3 **SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

4 (1) TREATMENT AND DIVERSION PROGRAM GRANTS.. In the schedule under section  
5 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice under  
6 section 20.455 (2) (em) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2017-18 is  
7 increased by \$2,000,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made. In the  
8 schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the  
9 department of justice under section 20.455 (2) (em) of the statutes, the dollar amount  
10 for fiscal year 2018-19 is increased by \$2,000,000 for the purpose for which the  
11 appropriation is made.

12 (2) TREATMENT AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS EXPANSION. In the schedule under  
13 section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice  
14 under section 20.455 (2) (en) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2017-18  
15 is increased by \$150,000 for the expansion of the grant program under section 165.95  
16 (2) of the statutes to additional counties. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of  
17 the statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice under section 20.455  
18 (2) (en) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018-19 is increased by  
19 \$150,000 for the expansion of the grant program under section 165.95 (2) of the  
20 statutes to additional counties.

21 (3) DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the  
22 statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice under section 20.455 (2)  
23 (en) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2017-18 is increased by  
24 \$261,000 for the purpose of creating a diversion pilot program for nonviolent  
25 offenders to be diverted to a treatment option. In the schedule under section 20.005

1 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of justice under section  
2 20.455 (2) (en) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018-19 is increased  
3 by \$261,000 for the purpose of creating a diversion pilot program for nonviolent  
4 offenders to be diverted to a treatment option.

5 (END)