



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 832

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AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT relating to:** increasing the law enforcement training reimbursement.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Law Enforcement Standards Board reimburses each political subdivision for approved expenses incurred by law enforcement officers, jail officers, and juvenile detention officers who complete training at board-certified schools. Under current law, LESB reimburses the costs associated with preparatory training for new recruits, and for the cost of annual recertification training.

This bill requires LESB to reimburse the costs of preparatory training that were paid by an individual, in addition to those costs that were paid by a political subdivision on behalf of a recruit.

Under current law, reimbursement to a political subdivision for annual recertification training must be at least \$160 per officer. The bill requires LESB to also reimburse a law enforcement agency in an amount equal to the amount sent to the political subdivision to reimburse annual recertification training costs.

The bill requires the governor to allocate funds received from the federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act to provide the reimbursements to individuals for preparatory training and to law enforcement agencies for recertification training, and to supplement reimbursements for training to political subdivisions. Because federal law requires ARPA funding to be used by December 31, 2024, the bill sunsets both training reimbursement provisions described above on that date.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) LAW ENFORCEMENT PREPARATORY TRAINING REIMBURSEMENTS.

3 (a) The law enforcement standards board shall reimburse approved expenses
4 for an individual who satisfactorily completes preparatory training at a
5 board-certified school and who subsequently becomes certified as a law enforcement
6 officer, jail officer, or juvenile detention officer. Expenses eligible for reimbursement
7 under this paragraph include tuition and living and travel expenses. This paragraph
8 does not apply after December 31, 2024.

9 (b) Of the moneys the governor accepts from the federal government under s.
10 16.54 pursuant to section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as amended by the
11 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, the governor shall allocate to
12 the department of justice an amount equal to reimbursements distributed under par.
13 (a).

14 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT RECERTIFICATION TRAINING REIMBURSEMENTS.

15 (a) The law enforcement standards board shall reimburse a law enforcement
16 agency for the cost of annual recertification training under s. 165.85 (4). Payments
17 under this paragraph shall be in addition and equal to the amount of any
18 reimbursements to a political subdivision under s. 165.85 (5) (b) and (5x) for annual
19 recertification training costs of a law enforcement officer, jail officer, or juvenile
20 detention officer. This paragraph does not apply after December 31, 2024.

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1 (b) Of the moneys the governor accepts from the federal government under s.
2 16.54 pursuant to section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as amended by the
3 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, the governor shall allocate to
4 the department of justice an amount equal to the amount of reimbursements to law
5 enforcement agencies under par. (a).

6 (3) TRAINING REIMBURSEMENTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; SUPPLEMENTAL
7 FUNDING. If the amounts appropriated under s. 20.455 (2) (am) and (as) are
8 insufficient, of the moneys the governor accepts from the federal government under
9 s. 16.54 pursuant to section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as amended by the
10 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, the governor shall allocate to
11 the department of justice an amount sufficient to pay all approved expenses under
12 s. 165.85 (5) (b) and costs under s. 165.85 (5x).

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