



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4578/1
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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.395 (2) (af) and 86.52 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating
2 a flood mitigation program in the Department of Transportation, granting
3 rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to administer a flood mitigation program to provide counties, cities, towns, and villages with grants reimbursing up to 50 percent of the cost of modifying, replacing, or relocating highway culverts or bridges at risk of substantial impact from flooding.

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:

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

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BILL

SECTION 1

1 **20.395 Transportation, department of**

2 (2) LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

3 (af) Flood mitigation program GPR A -0- 15,000,000

4 **SECTION 2.** 20.395 (2) (af) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.395 (2) (af) *Flood mitigation program.* From the general fund, the amounts
6 in the schedule for the flood mitigation program under s. 86.52.

7 **SECTION 3.** 86.52 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **86.52 Flood mitigation program. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

9 (a) "Improvement" means a project to modify, replace, or relocate a highway
10 bridge or culvert that is at risk of substantial impact from flooding, as determined
11 by the department.

12 (b) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, village, or town.

13 (c) "Program" means the flood mitigation program.

14 **(2) ADMINISTRATION.** The department shall administer a flood mitigation
15 program to make grants for the purpose of reimbursing political subdivisions for a
16 portion of the cost of modifying, replacing, or relocating highway bridges and culverts
17 at risk of substantial impact from flooding. Any grant of money under the program
18 shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.395 (2) (af).

19 **(3) REIMBURSEMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS.** All costs of an improvement funded
20 under this section shall be the responsibility of the political subdivision. Prior to the
21 commencement of an improvement, the political subdivision may apply to the
22 department for reimbursement of not more than 50 percent of eligible costs in the
23 manner and form prescribed by the department.

