AN ACT to create 20.455 (2) (ep) and 165.988 of the statutes; relating to: a violence interruption grant program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a $1,000,000 grant program, administered by the Department of Justice, to fund community organizations that are utilizing evidence-based outreach and violence interruption strategies to mediate conflicts, prevent retaliation and other potentially violent situations, and connect individuals to community supports.

For further information see the state 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:

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

(2) Law enforcement services

(ep) Violence interruption grant program

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

20.455 (2) (ep) Violence interruption grant program. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the violence interruption grant program under s. 165.988.

SECTION 3. 165.988 of the statutes is created to read:

165.988 Violence interruption grant program. From the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (ep), the department shall provide grants to community organizations that are utilizing evidence-based outreach and violence interruption strategies to mediate conflicts, prevent retaliation and other potentially violent situations, and connect individuals to community supports.

SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.

(1) Violence interruption grant program. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of justice under s. 20.455 (2) (f), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is decreased by $1,000,000.