



2019 SENATE BILL 543

October 31, 2019 - Introduced by Senators BERNIER, CARPENTER, FEYEN, OLSEN, L. TAYLOR, SCHACHTNER and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives JAMES, SARGENT, BOWEN, ANDERSON, BALLWEG, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, DUCHOW, EDMING, KITCHENS, KULP, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MURSAU, NEUBAUER, NOVAK, OLDENBURG, PETERSEN, PETRYK, PLUMER, RAMTHUN, RIEMER, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER, VINING, VRUWINK, ZAMARRIPA, ZIMMERMAN, WITKE and DITTRICH. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.435 (5) (eh) and 51.73 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 related to preventing suicide by firearm and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to award grants to organizations or coalitions of organizations, including cities, villages, towns, and counties, for 1) sharing guidelines and training staff at a firearm retailer or firearm range on avoiding selling or renting a firearm to persons who may be considering suicide; 2) providing suicide prevention materials for distribution at a firearm retailer or firearm range; or 3) providing voluntary firearm storage. A grant recipient must contribute matching funds or in-kind services having a value equal to at least 20 percent of the grant amount.

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:

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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2 (5) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

3 (eh) Grants to prevent suicide by

4 firearm GPR B 75,000 75,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (5) (eh) of the statutes is created to read:6 20.435 (5) (eh) *Grants to prevent suicide by firearm.* Biennially, the amounts
7 in the schedule for grants related to preventing suicide by firearm under s. 51.73.8 **SECTION 3.** 51.73 of the statutes is created to read:9 **51.73 Grants to prevent suicide by firearm. (1)** From the appropriation
10 under s. 20.435 (5) (eh), the department shall award grants to organizations or
11 coalitions of organizations, which may include a city, village, town, or county, for any
12 of the following purposes:13 (a) To share guidelines and train staff at a firearm retailer or firearm range on
14 how to avoid selling or renting a firearm to a person who may be considering suicide.15 (b) To provide suicide prevention materials for distribution at a firearm retailer
16 or firearm range.

17 (c) To provide voluntary firearm storage.

18 **(2)** The department may not award a grant under sub. (1) unless the recipient
19 contributes matching funds or in-kind services having a value equal to at least 20
20 percent of the grant.21 **(3)** The department may not award a grant to a recipient under sub. (1) for an
22 amount that exceeds \$5,000. The department may not award a grant under sub (1)
23 having a duration of more than one year and may not renew a grant awarded under

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1 sub. (1). In awarding grants under sub. (1), the department shall give preference to
2 organizations or coalitions of organizations that have not received a grant under this
3 section.

4 (END)