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4 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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6 Opposing State of Wisconsin draft legislation LRB-0157 and opposing legislation which
7 would dictate how local governments tend to their financial affairs, and State creation of
8 unfunded mandates
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11 WHEREAS, **Senate Bill 119 and its companion Assembly Bill 111, formerly**
12 Wisconsin draft legislation LRB-0157, would modify Chapter 79 of the Wisconsin
13 Statutes, relating to State shared revenue, to do the following as analyzed by the
14 Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau:
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16 Under this bill, if in any year a municipality decreases the amount of its municipal
17 budget dedicated to hiring, training, and retaining law enforcement officers so
18 that it is less than the amount dedicated to that purpose in the previous year, the
19 municipality will receive a county and municipal aid payment that is reduced by
20 the amount of that decrease. The bill provides that the amount of all such
21 reductions will be distributed to the municipalities that did not reduce their law
22 enforcement budgets in proportion to each municipality's share of the total
23 amount of county and municipal aid payments. Furthermore, the amount of the
24 reduced payment that the municipality receives becomes the amount of county
25 and municipal aid that the municipality will receive in subsequent years.
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29 WHEREAS, the effect of this legislation, should it pass into law, would be a
30 violation of local control, for municipal and county governments are closest to the
31 people they serve and are best able to understand their unique community needs; and
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33 WHEREAS, such legislation would effectively create another unfunded mandate
34 on Wisconsin local governments, compounding the State of Wisconsin's propensity to
35 impose costs on local governments while also restricting their ability to pay for such
36 costs via limiting revenue options and capping the size of local property tax levies,
37 creating a State-imposed structural deficit on local governments (File No. 18-944); and
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39 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has sought since 2019 to have a fair deal with
40 the State of Wisconsin relating to local governments being able to determine their
41 financial destiny and legislation like this is counter to that (File No. 19-161); and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of April 14, 2021, recommended REJECTION of File No. 21-202 as amended (vote 3-2); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby opposes any State of Wisconsin legislation which reduces local control, dictates how local governments fund their police services, including **2021 Senate Bill 119 and its companion 2021 Assembly Bill 111 LRB-0157**, particularly through the creation of unfunded mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to the Wisconsin Governor, state policymakers, Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council, and Wisconsin Counties Association, and oppose legislation that achieves the criteria outlined in this resolution.

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