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1985 Wisconsin Act 75

AN ACT to repeal 20.255 (2) (em) and 115.367; and to create 20.255 (2) (em) and 115.367 of the statutes, relating to authorizing the state superintendent of public instruction to make grants to school boards to fund education for employment projects, providing for a study and making an appropriation.

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:

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
20.255 Public instruction, department of		
(2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS		
(em) Education for employment	GPR A -0-	1,000,000

SECTION 2. 20.255 (2) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (em) *Education for employment.* The amounts in the schedule for the payment of grants to school boards for education for employment projects under s. 115.367.

SECTION 2m. 20.255 (2) (em) of the statutes, as created by 1985 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 3. 115.367 of the statutes is created to read:

115.367 Grants for education for employment projects. (1) A school board, a consortium of school boards operating under an agreement under s. 66.30 or a consortium of school boards in cooperation with the board of control of a cooperative educational service agency or in cooperation with a vocational, technical and adult education district board may apply to the state superintendent for a grant to fund an education for employment project.

(2) (a) Projects eligible for funding under this section shall be those that incorporate school-supervised work experience programs, business and education partnerships and at least 2 of the following elements:

1. The practical application and integration of basic skills, economics, sciences and computer literacy in both the general and vocational curriculum.

2. The study of economics and American economic institutions, including business operations, entrepreneurial skills, agriculture and labor organizations.

3. Career exploration, planning and guidance in grades kindergarten to 12.

4. Employability skills and attitudes in the elementary and secondary instructional program.

5. Vocational education programs that use contemporary curricula consistent with labor market and pupil needs.

(b) The state superintendent shall give preference in funding to those projects that incorporate more than 2 of the elements under par. (a).

(3) The state superintendent shall review the applications. With the advice of the council on business and education partnerships, the state superintendent shall determine which of the projects eligible for funding under sub. (2) will receive grants. The determinations shall be made based upon the degree to which the projects meet the following criteria:

(a) Whether the applicant provides access to an approved education for employment program under s. 121.02 (1) (m).

(b) The need for program improvement.

(c) The existence of local and regional planning involving the private sector and including labor market information and pupil needs.

(d) Evidence of coordination between the applicant and other service providers to efficiently provide appropriate cost-effective education for employment program services.

(e) The positive effect of the project on economic development and job creation.

(f) Whether the project will assure the equality of educational opportunities for all pupils.

(g) Whether the project will address sex role stereotyping in career decision-making.

(3m) No project may be funded unless the state superintendent determines that:

(a) An award will not supplant funds otherwise available for the project.

(b) The project includes a method of evaluating the effectiveness of the project.

(c) There is a local commitment to maintain the project beyond the grant period.

(4) Projects shall be funded on an annual basis and may be funded for a period of not more than 3 years. The amount awarded in the first year shall be an amount not more than 90% of the costs of the project in that year. The amount awarded in the 2nd year, if any, shall be an amount not more than 60% of the costs of the project in that year. The amount awarded in the 3rd year, if any, shall be an amount not more than 30% of the costs of the project in that year. Project costs shall be determined by the state superintendent.

(5) Amounts awarded under this section shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (em) and may be paid in instalments. The state superintendent shall ensure that:

(a) Not more than 20% of the amount awarded for any one project is used for transportation or equipment.

(b) To the extent possible, grants are equally distributed on a statewide basis.

(6) By September 15, 1988, each grant recipient shall submit a report to the state superintendent speci-

fying the number of pupils instructed during the previous school year in education for employment programs. The report shall identify the pupils by race, sex and physical handicap, if any. The report shall include an accounting of all expenditures made on behalf of the program and an estimate of the expected cost of the program for the current school year. The state superintendent shall distribute the results of each funded project to all school districts in the state.

(7) No new award may be made under this section after June 30, 1987.

SECTION 3m. 115.367 of the statutes, as created by 1985 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 4. **Nonstatutory provisions.** The state superintendent of public instruction shall conduct a study of the effectiveness of the projects funded under section 115.367 of the statutes in meeting their objectives and by January 15, 1987, submit a report summarizing the findings of the study to the governor and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees.

SECTION 5. **Effective dates.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), this act takes effect on the day following publication.

(2) The repeal of sections 20.255 (2) (em) and 115.367 of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 1989.