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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Senate Bill 138**

**Senate Amendment 1**

### 2019 SENATE BILL 138

Senate Bill 138 permits the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to award grants to school districts for teachers, pupil service professionals, principals, and school district administrators to participate in professional development training in character education. The bill requires that DPI make the grants within 24 months after enactment, appropriates \$100,000 in each year of the current fiscal biennium for that purpose, and requires that DPI give preference in awarding grants to school districts that did not receive a grant in a prior school year.

### SENATE AMENDMENT 1

The amendment does the following three things:

- Requires that the character education professional development training supported by a grant be provided by an “eligible entity.” Under the amendment, an eligible entity is an entity that promotes the intentional effort of school personnel to instill in pupils core values, including integrity, honesty, fairness, responsibility, and respect for themselves and other through character education.
- Limits a grant awarded to a school district to no more than \$10,000 per fiscal year.
- Provides that a school district is not eligible for a grant if, at the time of application, any of its employees are participating in, or are scheduled to participate in, character education professional development training provided by an eligible entity.

### BILL HISTORY

Senators Darling and Larson introduced Senate Bill 138 on March 28, 2019, and offered Senate Amendment 1 on October 15, 2019. On October 17, 2019, the Senate Committee on Education recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 2.

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