

State of Wisconsin



2015 Assembly Bill 665

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2015 WISCONSIN ACT 280

AN ACT to create 20.255 (2) (dr) and 115.45 of the statutes; relating to: grants for participation in robotics competitions 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:

| | | | | 2015–16 | 2016–17 |
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| 20.255 | Public instruction, department of | | | | |
| (2) | AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING | | | | |
| (dr) | Robotics league participation grants | GPR | A | –0– | 250,000 |

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

20.255 (2) (dr) *Robotics league participation grants.* The amounts in the schedule for grants to robotics teams under s. 115.45. No moneys may be encumbered from this appropriation after June 30, 2017.

SECTION 3. 115.45 of the statutes is created to read:

115.45 Robotics league participation grants pilot program. (1) In this section:

(a) “Allowable expenses” includes fees, kits, and supplies required to participate in a robotics competition, travel expenses to a robotics competition for eligible team members, and a stipend for the mentor of an eligible team.

(b) “Eligible team” means a robotics competition team consisting of pupils in any of the grades 9 through 12 and at least one mentor.

(c) “Robotics competition” means a competition that requires participating teams to design, construct, program, and operate robots and that is sponsored by a non-stock, nonprofit corporation, described under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, having as one of its organizational purposes encouraging young people to develop an interest in science, engineering, technology, and math.

(2) (a) No later than April 1, 2016, the department shall notify school boards, operators of charter schools under s. 118.40 (2r) and (2x), and administrators of home-based private educational programs that applications for grants under this section will be accepted from eligible teams through a date set forth in the notice. As a condition of receiving a grant under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

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department that the applicant will provide matching funds in an amount equal to the amount awarded under this section.

(b) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dr), the department shall award a grant of up to \$5,000 to eligible teams selected from the applicants under par. (a).

Grant funds awarded under this section may be applied only towards allowable expenses.

(3) The department shall publish on its Internet site a list of grant recipients and submit to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3) a report on the program under this section.
