



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 171

March 2, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives GROBSCHMIDT, BALDUS, BOCK, BOYLE, MORRIS-TATUM, NOTESTEIN, ROBSON, SERATTI and SPRINGER, cosponsored by Senator BURKE. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (bs) and 115.42 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 authorizing the state superintendent of public instruction to award grants for
3 family involvement in education projects and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to award a grant to a school district, private school, community-based organization, cooperative educational service agency or consortium of regional staff development organizations representing school districts for a family involvement in education project. The project may teach parenting skills to parents of children in preschool programs and early elementary grades, establish a family resource center or develop and implement a plan to increase family involvement in education.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
5 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

1995-96**1996-97****1 20.255 Public instruction, department of****2 (2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING****3 (bs) Family involvement in education****4 grants GPR A 500,000 500,000****5 SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes is created to read:**6 20.255 (2) (bs)** *Family involvement in education grants.* The amounts in the
7 schedule for family involvement in education grants under s. 115.42.**8 SECTION 3.** 115.42 of the statutes is created to read:**9 115.42 Family involvement in education grants. (1)** (a) A school board,
10 private school, community-based organization, board of control of a cooperative
11 educational service agency or consortium of regional staff development
12 organizations representing school districts, either individually or jointly with a
13 nonprofit corporation, may apply to the state superintendent for a grant to develop
14 a family involvement in education project designed to support any of the following:**15** 1. A program that teaches parenting skills to parents of children in preschool
16 programs and early elementary grades.**17** 2. A plan to enhance communication between school personnel and parents of
18 pupils enrolled in the school, develop a program for parents to volunteer in the school,
19 provide instruction in parenting skills in the high school grades, provide parent
20 training programs for parents, or allow the use of school facilities for adult education
21 programs.**22** 3. A family resource center that distributes parent education materials,
23 provides respite child care, conducts workshops on child development, facilitates

1 communication between school personnel and parents of pupils enrolled in the school
2 and provides volunteer opportunities for parents within the school.

3 (b) The state superintendent shall review the applications and determine
4 which of the projects eligible for funding will receive grants.

5 (2) Projects shall be funded on an annual basis and may be funded for a period
6 of no more than 2 years. No project may be funded unless the state superintendent
7 determines that all of the following conditions have been met:

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

9 (b) The application describes the method that will be used to evaluate the
10 effectiveness of the project.

11 (c) There is a local commitment to maintain the project beyond the grant period,
12 if the state superintendent determines that such a commitment is appropriate.

13 (d) The applicant authorizes the state superintendent to disseminate
14 information about the results of the project.

15 (e) There is a matching fund contribution from the grant recipient of at least
16 20% of the cost of the project. Private funds and in-kind contributions may be used
17 to meet the requirement of this paragraph.

18 (f) The grant recipient will coordinate the project with agencies providing
19 similar services in the area.

20 (3) Amounts awarded under this section shall be paid from the appropriation
21 under s. 20.255 (2) (bs) and may be paid in instalments.

22 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions; public instruction.**

23 (1) The state superintendent of public instruction shall evaluate the
24 effectiveness of the programs funded under section 115.42 of the statutes, as created
25 by this act. By January 1, 1997, the state superintendent shall report the results of

1 the evaluation to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the
2 manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes.

3 **SECTION 5. Appropriation changes; public instruction.**

4 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
5 to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (1) (a) of the statutes,
6 as affected by the acts of 1995, the dollar amount is increased by \$58,000 for fiscal
7 year 1995-96 and the dollar amount is increased by \$68,500 for fiscal year 1996-97
8 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 1.0 GPR position for
9 the family involvement in education projects.

10 (END)