



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 1061

February 21, 2024 - Introduced by Senator AGARD, cosponsored by Representatives VINING, HONG, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MYERS, BARE, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, JOERS, MADISON, ORTIZ-VELEZ, RATCLIFF, STUBBS, SUBECK and PALMERI. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (3) (cm) and 115.429 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for prospective school social workers, granting rule-making authority, and
3 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, the Department of Public Instruction must establish and administer a grant program to award grants for the costs of obtaining the education required for a school social worker license issued by DPI. The grants may only be awarded to an individual who is a member of a racial minority group and who is either an employee of a school board or enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program leading to licensure as a school social worker.

For further information see the state 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:

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SECTION 1

2023-24

2024-25

1 **20.255 Public instruction, department of**

2 (3) AIDS TO LIBRARIES, INDIVIDUALS AND
3 ORGANIZATIONS

4 (cm) Grants for prospective school

5 social workers GPR A 5,000,000 5,000,000

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (3) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.255 (3) (cm) *Grants for prospective school social workers.* The amounts in
8 the schedule for the grants under s. 115.429 to prospective school social workers.

9 **SECTION 3.** 115.429 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **115.429 Grants for prospective school social workers. (1)** In this section,
11 “member of a racial minority group” means an individual who is any of the following:

12 (a) A Black American.

13 (b) An American Indian or Alaskan native.

14 (c) A Hispanic, as defined in s. 16.287 (1) (d).

15 (d) An individual of Asian or Pacific Island origin.

16 (e) An individual whose ancestry includes 2 or more races.

17 **(2)** The department shall establish and administer a grant program to award
18 to individuals who meet the eligibility requirements under sub. (3) grants for the
19 costs of acquiring education needed for licensure as a school social worker.

20 **(3)** Grants may be awarded under this section only to an individual who is a
21 member of a racial minority group and who meets one of the following requirements:

22 (a) The individual is an employee of a school board.

