



## 1999 SENATE BILL 61

February 24, 1999 - Introduced by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, FARROW, ROBSON, BAUMGART, DARLING, CLAUSING, DRZEWIECKI, GEORGE, BRESKE and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI, SPILLNER, J. LEHMAN, PLALE, MILLER, BLACK, TURNER, PLOUFF, MORRIS-TATUM, MUSSER, SERATTI, YOUNG, BOCK and COLON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (2) (bs) and 115.445 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 appropriations.

---

### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill authorizes the state superintendent of public instruction to award a grant to a school board, private school, public library system board, municipal library board, county library board, community-based organization, board of control of a 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:

**SENATE BILL 61**

**1999-00**

**2000-01**

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. 115.445.

8 **SECTION 3.** 115.445 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **115.445 Family involvement in education grants. (1)** (a) A school board,  
10 private school, public library system board under s. 43.19 or 43.21, municipal library  
11 board under s. 43.54, county library board under s. 43.57, community-based  
12 organization, board of control of a cooperative educational service agency or  
13 consortium of regional staff development organizations representing school  
14 districts, either individually or jointly with a nonprofit corporation, may apply to the  
15 state superintendent for a grant to develop a family involvement in education project  
16 designed to support any of the following:

17 1. A program that teaches parenting skills to parents of children in preschool  
18 programs and early elementary grades.

19 2. A plan to enhance communication between school personnel and parents of  
20 pupils enrolled in the school, develop a program for parents to volunteer in the school,  
21 provide instruction in parenting skills in the high school grades, provide parent  
22 training programs for parents, or allow the use of school facilities for adult education  
23 programs.

**SENATE BILL 61**

1           3. A family resource center that does any of the following: distributes parent  
2 education materials, provides respite child care, conducts workshops on child  
3 development, facilitates communication between school personnel and parents of  
4 pupils enrolled in the school or provides volunteer opportunities for parents within  
5 the school.

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

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

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

12           (b) The application describes the method that will be used to evaluate the  
13 effectiveness of the project and the method that will be used to involve parents in the  
14 development of the project.

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

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

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

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

24           (g) All parents in the school district may participate in the project.

25           (h) The grant funds will not be used for a sectarian purpose.

