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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.

AN ACT *to create* 20.255 (2) (bs) and 115.445 of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing the state superintendent of public instruction to award grants for 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:

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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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) <i>Family involvement in education grants.</i> 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

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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.

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

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SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions; public instruction.

- 4 (1) The state superintendent of public instruction shall evaluate the 5 effectiveness of the programs funded under section 115.445 of the statutes, as 6 created by this act. By January 1, 2001, the state superintendent shall report the 7 results of the evaluation to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature 8 in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes.
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SECTION 5. Appropriation changes; public instruction.

(1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (1) (a) of the statutes,
as affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$58,000 for fiscal
year 1999–2000 and the dollar amount is increased by \$68,500 for fiscal year
2000–01 to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 1.0 GPR
position for the family involvement in education projects.

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