

1999 SENATE BILL 242

September 28, 1999 – Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT *to create* 20.255 (2) (ds) and 115.28 (25) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 planning grants for retained 4th graders and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTE provided by the joint legislative council in the bill.

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:

PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the joint legislative council's special committee on the children at risk program. The bill establishes a planning grant program for pupils retained in the 4th grade. Specifically, the bill appropriates \$300,000 in fiscal year 2000–01 to the department of public instruction (DPI) to be used for grants to school districts and cooperative educational service agencies to plan appropriate programs for 4th grade pupils who have failed to be promoted to the 5th grade. The DPI grants must be awarded on a competitive basis and individual grants may not exceed \$10,000. Further, under the bill, each grant recipient must submit a report to the state superintendent of public instruction on the plans developed with the funds and the state superintendent may publish those plans.

The appropriation for this program is derived from general purpose revenues and is established as an annual program. These grants will permit districts who apply for a grant to begin to plan for pupils that are retained in the 4th grade for any purpose.

