



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 665

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (dr) and 115.45 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for participation in robotics competitions and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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

5 **2015-16** **2016-17**

6 **20.255 Public instruction, department of**

7 (2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

8 (dr) Robotics league participation

9 grants GPR A -0- 250,000

10 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (dr) of the statutes is created to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 665**SECTION 2**

1 20.255 (2) (dr) *Robotics league participation grants*. The amounts in the
2 schedule for grants to robotics teams under s. 115.45. No moneys may be encumbered
3 from this appropriation after June 30, 2017.

4 **SECTION 3.** 115.45 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **115.45 Robotics league participation grants pilot program.** (1) In this
6 section:

7 (a) “Allowable expenses” includes fees, kits, and supplies required to
8 participate in a robotics competition, travel expenses to a robotics competition for
9 eligible team members, and a stipend for the mentor of an eligible team.

10 (b) “Eligible team” means a robotics competition team consisting of pupils in
11 any of the grades 9 through 12 and at least one mentor.

12 (c) “Robotics competition” means a competition that requires participating
13 teams to design, construct, program, and operate robots and that is sponsored by a
14 nonstock, nonprofit corporation, described under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal
15 Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under section 501 (a) of the Internal
16 Revenue Code, having as one of its organizational purposes encouraging young
17 people to develop an interest in science, engineering, technology, and math.

18 (2) (a) No later than April 1, 2016, the department shall notify school boards,
19 operators of charter schools under s. 118.40 (2r) and (2x), and administrators of
20 home-based private educational programs that applications for grants under this
21 section will be accepted from eligible teams through a date set forth in the notice.
22 As a condition of receiving a grant under this section, an applicant shall demonstrate
23 to the satisfaction of the department that the applicant will provide matching funds
24 in an amount equal to the amount awarded under this section.

