AN ACT relating to: funding for bilingual–bicultural education programs and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides additional funding to the Department of Public Instruction for bilingual–bicultural education programs in the 2015–16 and 2016–17 fiscal years. A bilingual–bicultural education program is a program designed to improve the ability of limited-English proficient pupils to speak, read, and write in the English language, so that the pupils will be able to perform classwork in English.

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. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) BILINGUAL–BICULTURAL EDUCATION AIDS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (2) (cc) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2015, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2015–16 is increased by $3,949,200 for the purpose for which
the appropriation is made. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes
for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under section 20.255
(2) (cc) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2015, the dollar amount for fiscal year
2016–17 is increased by $4,256,200 for the purposes for which the appropriation is
made.

(END)