2017 WISCONSIN ACT 142

AN ACT to amend 16.9945 (1) (intro.), 16.9945 (3) (intro.), 16.996 (title), 16.996 (1), 16.996 (3) (intro.), 16.996 (4) (b), 20.255 (1) (e), 20.255 (1) (ek) and 20.505 (4) (s); to repeal and recreate 20.505 (4) (s); and to create 16.9945 (2m), 16.9945 (3m), 16.996 (2m), 16.996 (3m) and 43.06 of the statutes; relating to: the collection and maintenance of certain public library data by the Division for Libraries and Technology, authorizing small, rural libraries to apply for information technology block grants and educational technology training grants, and making appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. 16.9945 (1) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, is amended to read:

16.9945 Information technology block grants. (1) COMPETITIVE GRANTS. In fiscal years 2017−18 and 2018−19, the department may annually award grants on a competitive basis to eligible school districts and to eligible public libraries for the purpose of improving information technology infrastructure. For purposes of awarding grants under this section, “improving information technology infrastructure” includes purchasing and installing on a bus a portable device that creates an area of wireless Internet coverage and purchasing for individuals to temporarily borrow from a school or for patrons to check out from a public library a portable device that creates an area of wireless Internet coverage. In awarding grants to eligible school districts under this section, the department shall give priority to applications for school districts in which the percentage of pupils who satisfy the income eligibility criteria under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1) for a free or reduced-price lunch is greater than in other applicant school districts. The department shall require an applicant for a grant under this section to provide all of the following:

   SECTION 2. 16.9945 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

16.9945 (2m) ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES. (a) In this subsection:

1. “Library branch” means a fixed location where public library services, including a collection of library materials, are offered by paid library employees as part of a consolidated county public library, as described in s. 43.57 (1).
2. “Urban cluster” means an urban area, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, with a population of at least 2,500 but less than 50,000.
3. “Urbanized area” means an urban area, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, with a population of 50,000 or more.
(b) A public library, including the branch of a public library, is eligible for a grant under this section in fiscal year 2017−18 or in fiscal year 2018−19 or in both fiscal years if the population of the municipality within which the library or branch of the library is located is 20,000 or
less and if the public library or branch is located in one of the following areas of the state:

1. A rural territory, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, that is one of the following:
   a. Less than or equal to 5 miles from an urbanized area.
   b. Less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an urban cluster.

2. A rural territory, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, that is one of the following:
   a. More than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an urbanized area.
   b. More than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an urban cluster.

3. A rural territory, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, that is more than 25 miles from an urban area and also more than 10 miles from an urban cluster.

**SECTION 3.** 16.9945 (3) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, is amended to read:

16.9945 (3) **MAXIMUM AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.** (intro.) The total amount the department may award to an eligible school district under sub. (1) during a fiscal biennium may not exceed the following:

**SECTION 4.** 16.9945 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

16.9945 (3m) **MAXIMUM AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.** The total amount the department may award to an eligible public library under sub. (1) during a fiscal biennium may not exceed the following:

(a) If the population of the municipality within which the eligible public library or branch is located is 2,000 or less, $5,000.

(b) If the population of the municipality within which the eligible public library or branch is located is at least 2,001 but less than 5,000, $7,500.

(c) If the population of the municipality within which the eligible public library or branch is located is at least 5,000 but less than 20,001, $10,000.

**SECTION 5.** 16.996 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.996 (title) **Educational technology teacher training grants.**

**SECTION 6.** 16.996 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.996 (1) **PURPOSE.** The department shall annually award grants to eligible consortia of school districts, to consortia of eligible public libraries, and to eligible public library systems for the costs of training teachers and librarians to use educational technology.

**SECTION 7.** 16.996 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

16.996 (2m) **ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS.** (a) In this subsection:

1. “Library branch” means a fixed location where public library services, including a collection of library materials, are offered by paid library employees as part
lic libraries or to the eligible public library system the
sum of the following amounts:

(a) For each eligible public library or branch in the
consortium or system located in a municipality the popu-
lization of which is 2,000 or less, $500.

(b) For each eligible public library or branch in the
consortium or system located in a municipality the popu-
lization of which is at least 2,001 but less than 5,000, $750.

(c) For each eligible public library or branch in the
consortium or system located in a municipality the popu-
lization of which is at least 5,000 but less than 20,001,
$1,000.

SECTION 10. 16.996 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended
to read:
16.996 (4) (b) If, in any fiscal year, $1,500,000 is
insufficient to pay the full amount under sub. subs. (3)
and (3m), the department shall prorate the payments
among the eligible consortia of school districts, consortia
of eligible public libraries, and eligible public library sys-
tems.

SECTION 11. 20.255 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended
to read:
20.255 (1) (e) Student information system, data col-
lection and maintenance. As a continuing appropriation,
the amounts in the schedule for the student information
system under s. 115.383 and for the data collection and
maintenance activities under s. 43.06 (1).

SECTION 12. 20.255 (1) (ek) of the statutes is
amended to read:
20.255 (1) (ek) Longitudinal data system, data col-
lection and maintenance. The amounts in the schedule
to develop and maintain the longitudinal data system of
student information under s. 115.297 and the tools nec-
essary to access the data for research and analysis purposes,
and for the data collection and maintenance activities
under s. 43.06 (1).

SECTION 13. 20.505 (4) (s) of the statutes, as affected
by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, is amended to read:
20.505 (4) (s) Telecommunications access for educa-
tional agencies, infrastructure grants, and teacher train-
ing grants for teachers and librarians. Biennially, from
the universal service fund, the amounts in the schedule
to make payments to telecommunications providers under
contracts under s. 16.971 (13), (14), and (15) to the extent
that the amounts due are not paid from the appropriation
under sub. (1) (is), to make payments to telecommunica-
tions providers under contracts under s. 16.971 (16) to the
extent that the amounts due are not paid from the appro-
piation under sub. (1) (kL), to make grants to school dis-
trict consortia under s. 16.997 (7), to make educational
technology infrastructure grants under s. 16.9945, and to
make educational technology teacher training grants and
librarian training grants under s. 16.996. Notwithstanding
s. 20.001 (3) (b), the unencumbered balance on June 30 of each odd-numbered year shall be transferred to the
appropriation account under s. 20.155 (3) (r).

SECTION 14. 20.505 (4) (s) of the statutes, as affected
by 2017 Wisconsin Act ... (this act), is repealed and recreted to read:
20.505 (4) (s) Telecommunications access for educa-
tional agencies, infrastructure grants, and training
grants for teachers and librarians. Biennially, from the
universal service fund, the amounts in the schedule to
make payments to telecommunications providers under
contracts under s. 16.971 (13), (14), and (15) to the extent
that the amounts due are not paid from the appropriation
under sub. (1) (is), to make payments to telecommunica-
tions providers under contracts under s. 16.971 (16) to the
extent that the amounts due are not paid from the appro-
piation under sub. (1) (kL), to make grants to school dis-
trict consortia under s. 16.997 (7), and to make educa-
tional technology teacher training grants and librarian
training grants under s. 16.996. Notwithstanding s.
20.001 (3) (b), the unencumbered balance on June 30 of each odd-numbered year shall be transferred to the
appropriation account under s. 20.155 (3) (r).

SECTION 15. 43.06 of the statutes is created to read:
43.06 Collection and maintenance of data. (1) The
division may perform any of the following activities to
collect and maintain public library–related data, includ-
ing all of the following:
(a) Purchase licenses for data collection software.
(b) Train library staff on the effective use of data in
decision–making.
(c) Establish digital processes for the efficient collect-
analysis, and reporting of data to library patrons and
staff.
(d) Create dashboard tools for libraries to use inter-
ally in analyzing, and to report to the public about,
library use.
(e) Develop, implement, and maintain technology
systems that allow for secure, interoperable data
exchange and the automation of work processes.
(f) Create an automated system for the initial certifi-
cation and recertification of public librarians, as
described in s. 43.09 (1).
(g) Establish library user authentication systems.
(2) From the appropriation accounts under s. 20.255
(1) (e) and (ek), the division may fund the activities
described in sub. (1).

SECTION 16. Effective dates. This act takes effect on
the day after publication, except as follows:
(1) The treatment of section 20.505 (4) (s) (by Sec-
tion 14) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2019.