



## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 572

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

9           **SECTION 1.** 16.9945 (1) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act  
10          59, is amended to read:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 572****SECTION 1**

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

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

17           16.9945 **(2m)** ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES. (a) In this subsection:

18           1. “Library branch” means a fixed location where public library services,  
19 including a collection of library materials, are offered by paid library employees as  
20 part of a consolidated county public library, as described in s. 43.57 (1).

21           2. “Urban cluster” means an urban area, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the  
22 census, with a population of at least 2,500 but less than 50,000.

23           3. “Urbanized area” means an urban area, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the  
24 census, with a population of 50,000 or more.

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1 (b) A public library, including the branch of a public library, is eligible for a  
2 grant under this section in fiscal year 2017-18 or in fiscal year 2018-19 or in both  
3 fiscal years if the population of the municipality within which the library or branch  
4 of the library is located is 20,000 or less and if the public library or branch is located  
5 in one of the following areas of the state:

6 1. A rural territory, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, that is one of  
7 the following:

8 a. Less than or equal to 5 miles from an urbanized area.

9 b. Less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an urban cluster.

10 2. A rural territory, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, that is one of  
11 the following:

12 a. More than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an urbanized area.

13 b. More than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an urban cluster.

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

17 **SECTION 3.** 16.9945 (3) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act  
18 59, is amended to read:

19 16.9945 (3) **MAXIMUM AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.** (intro.) The total  
20 amount the department may award to an eligible school district under sub. (1) during  
21 a fiscal biennium may not exceed the following:

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

23 16.9945 (3m) **MAXIMUM AWARDS TO ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.** The total amount  
24 the department may award to an eligible public library under sub. (1) during a fiscal  
25 biennium may not exceed the following:

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

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

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

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

8 **16.996 (title) Educational technology teacher training grants.**

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

10 16.996 (1) PURPOSE. The department shall annually award grants to eligible  
11 consortia of school districts, to consortia of eligible public libraries, and to eligible  
12 public library systems for the costs of training teachers and librarians to use  
13 educational technology.

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

15 16.996 (2m) ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS. (a) In this  
16 subsection:

17 1. "Library branch" means a fixed location where public library services,  
18 including a collection of library materials, are offered by paid library employees as  
19 part of a consolidated county public library, as described in s. 43.57 (1).

20 2. "Urban cluster" means an urban area, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the  
21 census, with a population of at least 2,500 but less than 50,000.

22 3. "Urbanized area" means an urban area, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the  
23 census, with a population of 50,000 or more.

24 (b) A public library or branch of a public library is an eligible library under this  
25 section if the population of the municipality within which the library or branch is

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1 located is 20,000 or less and if the public library or branch is located in one of the  
2 following areas of the state:

3 1. A rural territory, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, that is one of  
4 the following:

5 a. Less than or equal to 5 miles from an urbanized area.

6 b. Less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an urban cluster.

7 2. A rural territory, as defined by the U.S. bureau of the census, that is one of  
8 the following:

9 a. More than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an urbanized area.

10 b. More than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an urban cluster.

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

14 (c) A consortium of public libraries is eligible for a grant under this section and  
15 a public library system is eligible for a grant under this section if all of the following  
16 apply:

17 1. Either of the following apply:

18 a. The consortium consists of 3 or more eligible public libraries or library  
19 branches.

20 b. The public library system contains 3 or more eligible public libraries or  
21 library branches.

22 2. The consortium or public library system applies for a grant under this  
23 section.

24 **SECTION 8.** 16.996 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           16.996 (3) ~~GRANT~~ GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AMOUNT.  
2 (intro.) In any year the department awards ~~grants~~ a grant to an eligible consortia  
3 of school districts under this section, subject to sub. (4), the department shall pay to  
4 each the eligible consortium the sum of the following amounts:

5           **SECTION 9.** 16.996 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

6           16.996 (3m) GRANTS TO CONSORTIA OF ELIGIBLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND TO ELIGIBLE  
7 PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS; AMOUNT. In any year the department awards a grant to a  
8 consortia of eligible public libraries or to an eligible public library system under this  
9 section, the department shall, subject to sub. (4), pay to the consortium of eligible  
10 public libraries or to the eligible public library system the sum of the following  
11 amounts:

12           (a) For each eligible public library or branch in the consortium or system  
13 located in a municipality the population of which is 2,000 or less, \$500.

14           (b) For each eligible public library or branch in the consortium or system  
15 located in a municipality the population of which is at least 2,001 but less than 5,000,  
16 \$750.

17           (c) For each eligible public library or branch in the consortium or system located  
18 in a municipality the population of which is at least 5,000 but less than 20,001,  
19 \$1,000.

20           **SECTION 10.** 16.996 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           16.996 (4) (b) If, in any fiscal year, \$1,500,000 is insufficient to pay the full  
22 amount under ~~sub.~~ subs. (3) and (3m), the department shall prorate the payments  
23 among ~~the~~ eligible consortia of school districts, consortia of eligible public libraries,  
24 and eligible public library systems.

25           **SECTION 11.** 20.255 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           20.255 (1) (e) *Student information system, data collection and maintenance.*  
2       As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the student  
3       information system under s. 115.383 and for the data collection and maintenance  
4       activities under s. 43.06 (1).

5           **SECTION 12.** 20.255 (1) (ek) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           20.255 (1) (ek) *Longitudinal data system, data collection and maintenance.*  
7       The amounts in the schedule to develop and maintain the longitudinal data system  
8       of student information under s. 115.297 and the tools necessary to access the data  
9       for research and analysis purposes, and for the data collection and maintenance  
10       activities under s. 43.06 (1).

11           **SECTION 13.** 20.505 (4) (s) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59,  
12       is amended to read:

13           20.505 (4) (s) *Telecommunications access for educational agencies,*  
14       *infrastructure grants, and teacher training grants for teachers and librarians.*  
15       Biennially, from the universal service fund, the amounts in the schedule to make  
16       payments to telecommunications providers under contracts under s. 16.971 (13),  
17       (14), and (15) to the extent that the amounts due are not paid from the appropriation  
18       under sub. (1) (is), to make payments to telecommunications providers under  
19       contracts under s. 16.971 (16) to the extent that the amounts due are not paid from  
20       the appropriation under sub. (1) (kL), to make grants to school district consortia  
21       under s. 16.997 (7), to make information technology infrastructure grants under s.  
22       16.9945, and to make educational technology teacher training grants and librarian  
23       training grants under s. 16.996. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (b), the  
24       unencumbered balance on June 30 of each odd-numbered year shall be transferred  
25       to the appropriation account under s. 20.155 (3) (r).

**ASSEMBLY BILL 572****SECTION 14**

1           **SECTION 14.** 20.505 (4) (s) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act ...  
2 (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

3           20.505 (4) (s)    *Telecommunications access for educational agencies,*  
4 *infrastructure grants, and training grants for teachers and librarians.* Biennially,  
5 from the universal service fund, the amounts in the schedule to make payments to  
6 telecommunications providers under contracts under s. 16.971 (13), (14), and (15) to  
7 the extent that the amounts due are not paid from the appropriation under sub. (1)  
8 (is), to make payments to telecommunications providers under contracts under s.  
9 16.971 (16) to the extent that the amounts due are not paid from the appropriation  
10 under sub. (1) (kL), to make grants to school district consortia under s. 16.997 (7), and  
11 to make educational technology teacher training grants and librarian training  
12 grants under s. 16.996. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (b), the unencumbered balance  
13 on June 30 of each odd-numbered year shall be transferred to the appropriation  
14 account under s. 20.155 (3) (r).

15           **SECTION 15.** 43.06 of the statutes is created to read:

16           **43.06 Collection and maintenance of data.** (1) The division may perform  
17 any of the following activities to collect and maintain public library-related data,  
18 including all of the following:

19           (a) Purchase licenses for data collection software.

20           (b) Train library staff on the effective use of data in decision-making.

21           (c) Establish digital processes for the efficient collection, analysis, and  
22 reporting of data to library patrons and staff.

23           (d) Create dashboard tools for libraries to use internally in analyzing, and to  
24 report to the public about, library use.



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1           (e) Develop, implement, and maintain technology systems that allow for  
2 secure, interoperable data exchange and the automation of work processes.

3           (f) Create an automated system for the initial certification and recertification  
4 of public librarians, as described in s. 43.09 (1).

5           (g) Establish library user authentication systems.

6           **(2)** From the appropriation accounts under s. 20.255 (1) (e) and (ek), the  
7 division may fund the activities described in sub. (1).

8           **SECTION 16. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
9 except as follows:

10           (1) The treatment of section 20.505 (4) (s) (by SECTION 14) of the statutes takes  
11 effect on July 1, 2019.

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**(END)**