AN ACT to amend 115.367 (3) of the statutes; relating to: school-based mental health services grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, beginning the 2018–19 school year, the Department of Public Instruction must award grants on a competitive basis to school boards and operators of independent charter schools for the purpose of collaborating with community mental health agencies to provide mental health services to pupils. Current law specifies that DPI must award at least $3,250,000 in these grants each school year. This bill increases the funding for these grants by $7,000,000 and requires DPI to award at least $10,250,000 in these grants each school year.

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

115.367 (3) AWARDS. The department shall award grants under this section beginning in the 2018–19 school year. From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2)
(dt), the department shall award at least $3,250,000 $10,250,000 in grants under this section each school year.

SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.

(1) School-based mental health services grants. 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) (dt) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018–19 is increased by $7,000,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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