October 18, 2019 - Introduced by Senators OLSEN, BERNIER and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives SCHRAA, DOYLE, BALLWEG, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CABRERA, DUCHOW, EDMING, JAMES, KURTZ, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MURSAU, NEUBAUER, OLDENBURG, OTT, PETERSEN, PETRYK, RAMTHUN, ROHRKASTE, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, VINING, VRIEWINK and WITKE. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to create 20.255 (1) (en) and 115.28 (66) of the statutes; relating to:

grants to the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to annually award a grant to a cooperative educational service agency to support a collaborative project between DPI and CESAs that provides training and technical assistance to school districts related to prevention and intervention programs for alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, mental health programs, and programs to promote school safety. This collaborative project is known as the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center or the WISH Center. Under the bill, the CESA that receives the grant must use the money to support the ongoing operations of the WISH Center and, if money is available, to expand the WISH Center’s offerings to include training and technical assistance related to general wellness.

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. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
**20.255** Public instruction, department of

(1) **Educational Leadership**

(En) Grant to support the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center

| GPR  | A     | $70,000 | $200,000 |

**Section 2.** 20.255 (1) (en) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (1) (en) Grant to support the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center. The amounts in the schedule for a grant under s. 115.28 (66) to support a collaborative project between the department of public instruction and cooperative educational service agencies.

**Section 3.** 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (66) Grant to support the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center. From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (en), the department shall annually award a grant to a cooperative educational service agency to support a collaborative project between the department and cooperative educational service agencies, the purpose of which is to build the capacity of school districts to implement prevention and intervention programs for alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, mental health programs, and programs to promote school safety. The cooperative educational service agency that receives a grant under this section shall first use the grant to support the ongoing operations of the collaborative project and to the extent funding is available, to expand the services offered to school districts to include training and technical assistance related to general wellness.

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