AN ACT to amend 255.15 (4); and to create 255.15 (3) (d) of the statutes; relating to: public health campaign for prevention of tobacco and electronic cigarette use and a grant program to support organizations working on youth vaping and cessation services; funding for special education, the University of Wisconsin System, and the technical college system; and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides additional funding to the Department of Health Services to develop and carry out a public health campaign aimed at the prevention of initiation of tobacco and electronic cigarette use. The bill also provides funding to DHS to distribute grants to local and regional organizations working on youth vaping and providing cessation services. Further, the bill provides additional funding to the Department of Public Instruction for aids for special education and to the University of Wisconsin System and the technical college system for purposes of maintaining compliance with maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
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For further information see the state 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. 255.15 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

255.15 (3) (d) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fm), the department may develop and implement a public health campaign aimed at the prevention of initiation of tobacco and electronic cigarette use and may award grants for local and regional organizations working on youth vaping and providing cessation services.

SECTION 2. 255.15 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

255.15 (4) REPORTS. Not later than April 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the governor and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution under s. 13.172 (2) a report that evaluates the success of the grant program under sub. (3). The report shall specify the number of grants awarded during the immediately preceding fiscal year and the purpose for which each grant was made. The report shall also specify donations and grants accepted by the department under sub. (5).

SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.

(1) PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN AND GRANTS FOR VAPING PREVENTION AND CESSATION. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (1) (fm), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $2,000,000 to fund a public health campaign aimed at the prevention of initiation of tobacco and electronic cigarette use and for grants for local and regional organizations working on youth vaping and providing cessation services.
(2) Special education aid. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $1,260,000 for aids for special education under s. 115.88.

(3) UW System; general program operations. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $267,800 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(4) State aids for technical colleges. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (d), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022–23 is increased by $47,200 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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