



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-5903/1

FFK:cdc

## 2025 SENATE BILL 834

January 15, 2026 - Introduced by Senators JAMES and L. JOHNSON, cosponsored by Representatives STUBBS, GOODWIN, TAYLOR, ORTIZ-VELEZ, TENORIO, ARNEY, RIVERA-WAGNER, MCCARVILLE, PRADO and KIRSCH. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p. a.; *to create* 20.255 (2) (dq) and 115.449 of  
2           the statutes; **relating to:** a grant program to support parent and guardian  
3           volunteer programs in schools, granting rule-making authority, and making  
4           an appropriation.

---

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under this bill, the Department of Public Instruction must develop and implement a grant program, under which it awards grants to school districts, independent charter schools, and private schools participating in a parental choice program for the purpose of creating or supporting parent and guardian volunteer programs. The bill requires DPI to begin awarding these grants in the 2026-27 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:***

**SENATE BILL 834****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,  
2 insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
3		
4	<b>20.255 Public instruction, department of</b>	

5           (2) AID FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

6	(dq) Volunteer programs; grants	GPR	A	-0-	2,000,000
---	---------------------------------	-----	---	-----	-----------

7           **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (dq) of the statutes is created to read:

8           20.255 (2) (dq) *Volunteer programs; grants.* The amounts in the schedule for  
9 grants under s. 115.449 for parent and guardian volunteer programs.

10          **SECTION 3.** 115.449 of the statutes is created to read:

11          **115.449 Parent and guardian volunteer programs; grants.** (1) The  
12 department shall develop and implement a program to award grants to school  
13 boards, governing boards of charter schools established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x),  
14 and governing bodies of private schools participating in a program under s. 118.60  
15 or 119.23 to create or support programs that allow or encourage parents and  
16 guardians to volunteer in elementary and secondary schools.

17          (2) The department shall award grants under this section beginning in the  
18 2026-27 school year.

19          (3) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

20          **SECTION 4.** 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2025 Wisconsin  
21 Act 15, is amended to read:

22          118.40 (2r) (e) 2p. a. Add the amounts appropriated in the current fiscal year  
23 under s. 20.255 (2), except s. 20.255 (2) (ac), (aw), (az), (bb), (dj), (dq), (du), (fc), (fm),  
24 (fp), (fq), (fr), (fu), (k), and (m); and s. 20.505 (4) (es); and the amount, as determined

**SENATE BILL 834**

**SECTION 4**

1 by the secretary of administration, of the appropriation under s. 20.505 (4) (s)  
2 allocated for payments to telecommunications providers under contracts with  
3 school districts and cooperative educational service agencies under s. 16.971 (13).

4 (END)