



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0426 - ESL Capacity Grants

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

***Capacity-building grants to increase licensure of bilingual teachers and English as a second language teachers***

This bill creates a grant program under which DPI may award grants, in amounts determined by DPI, to school districts and independent charter schools to provide support and financial assistance to their staff and teachers in obtaining licensure or certification as bilingual teachers and teachers of English as a second language.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.255 (2) (ch) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (ch) *Capacity-building grants for licensed educators.* The amounts in the schedule for grants to increase licensure of bilingual teachers and teachers of English as a 2nd language under s. 115.958.

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 115.958 of the statutes is created to read:

**115.958 Capacity-building grants for licensed educators.** (1) A school board or the operator of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) may apply to the department for a grant for the school district or charter school to provide support and financial assistance to its staff and teachers in obtaining licensure or certification as bilingual teachers and teachers of English as a 2nd language.

(2) Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ch), the department may award grants under sub. (1) to school districts and charter schools established under s. 118.40 (2r) and (2x) in amounts determined by the department.

(3) The department may promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

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