



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0428 - Computer Science Grant

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Computer science licensure grant program

Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, this bill requires DPI to award grants to school districts to assist licensed school district employees in obtaining additional licensure that authorizes the employee to teach computer science in public schools. For purposes of awarding these grants, the bill requires DPI to prioritize school districts if 50 percent of the school district's membership is low income or 40 percent of the school district's membership identify as a minority.

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. 20.255 (2) (dn) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (dn) *Computer science licensure; grants.* The amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 115.435 to assist school district employees in obtaining licenses or permits to teach computer science.

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

SECTION 2. 115.453 of the statutes is created to read:

115.453 Licenses to teach computer science; grant program. (1) In this section, “eligible employee” means a school district employee who holds a license or permit to teach issued by the department that does not authorize the employee to teach computer science.

(2) Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the department shall award grants to school districts to provide assistance to eligible employees for the purpose of obtaining a license or permit that authorizes the eligible employee to teach computer science.

(3) In awarding grants under sub. (2), the department shall give priority to applications submitted by a school district that satisfies any of the following criteria:

(a) At least 50 percent of the school district’s membership satisfy the income eligibility criteria for a free or reduced-price lunch under [42 USC 1758](#) (b) (1).

(b) At least 40 percent of the school district’s membership identifies as a minority group pupil, as defined in s. 121.845 (2).

(4) The department may promulgate rules to establish and administer the program under this section

SECTION 9434. Effective dates; Public Instruction.

- (1) COMPUTER SCIENCE LICENSURE; GRANT PROGRAM. The treatment of s. 20.255
- (2) (dn) takes effect on July 1, 2022.

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