



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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## 2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 341

July 8, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives VINING, HONG, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ROE, DESANTO, ANDERSON, ARNEY, BARE, BROWN, CLANCY, DESMIDT, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HAYWOOD, JOERS, JOHNSON, MADISON, MIRESE, NEUBAUER, PALMERI, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, SINICKI, STROUD, STUBBS, TENORIO and UDELL, cosponsored by Senators L. JOHNSON, DRAKE, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, RATCLIFF, SMITH and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (3) (cm) and 115.429 of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             grants for prospective school social workers, granting rule-making authority,  
3             and making an appropriation.

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

Under this bill, the Department of Public Instruction must establish and administer a grant program to award grants for the costs of obtaining the education required for a school social worker license issued by DPI. The grants may be awarded only to an individual who is a member of a racial minority group and who is either an employee of a school board or enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program leading to licensure as a school social worker.

For further information see the state 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:***

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

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## SECTION 1

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20.255	Public instruction, department of
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(3)	AIDS TO LIBRARIES, INDIVIDUALS AND
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(cm)	Grants for prospective school
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**SECTION 2.** 20.255 (3) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (3) (cm) *Grants for prospective school social workers.* The amounts in the schedule for the grants under s. 115.429 to prospective school social workers.

**SECTION 3.** 115.429 of the statutes is created to read:

**115.429 Grants for prospective school social workers.** (1) In this section, “member of a racial minority group” means an individual who is any of the following:

(a) A Black American.

(b) An American Indian or Alaskan native.

(c) A Hispanic, as defined in s. 16.287 (1) (d).

(d) An individual of Asian or Pacific Island origin.

(e) An individual whose ancestry includes 2 or more races.

(2) The department shall establish and administer a grant program to award to individuals who meet the eligibility requirements under sub. (3) grants for the costs of acquiring education needed for licensure as a school social worker.

(3) Grants may be awarded under this section only to an individual who is a

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1 member of a racial minority group and who meets one of the following  
2 requirements:

3 (a) The individual is an employee of a school board.

4 (b) The individual is enrolled in an institution of higher education or an  
5 accredited graduate school in a program of study leading to licensure as a school  
6 social worker.

7 (4) The department may promulgate rules to implement this section.

8 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

9 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after  
10 publication of the 2025 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

11 (END)