



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 342

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1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (dv) and 115.369 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 grants to hire school mental health professionals who are members of a racial
3 minority group, granting rule-making authority, and making an
4 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, the Department of Public Instruction must establish and administer a grant program to award grants to school districts to hire school mental health professionals who are members of a racial minority group. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the grants.

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:

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

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SECTION 1

1 2025-26 2026-27

2 **20.255 Public instruction, department of**

3 (2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

4 (dv) Grants for school mental health

5 professionals GPR A 5,000,000 5,000,000

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (dv) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.255 (2) (dv) *Grants for school mental health professionals.* The amounts in
8 the schedule for the grants to school districts under s. 115.369 to hire school mental
9 health professionals.

10 **SECTION 3.** 115.369 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **115.369 Grants for school mental health professionals.** (1) In this
12 section, “member of a racial minority group” means an individual who is any of the
13 following:

14 (a) A Black American.

15 (b) An American Indian or Alaskan Native.

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

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

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

19 (2) The department shall establish and administer a grant program to award
20 grants to school districts to hire school mental health professionals who are
21 members of a racial minority group.

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

23 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

