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International Education (DPI -- Administrative and Other Funding)

Bill Agency

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CURRENT LAW

No provision.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$38,000 GPR annually for the following international education activities: (a) Japan teacher seminar for visiting teachers and administrators; (b) France teacher/administrator exchange project; and (c) a summer orientation program for visiting Chinese teachers.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. In its 2007-09 agency budget request, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requested funding in order to participate in three international education projects. According to the request, these international exchange programs for educators would aim to establish connections with educators in other countries and to enhance international education in Wisconsin.

2. The Japan teacher seminar previously sent 12 Wisconsin teachers and administrators to Japan every other year. During alternate years, DPI hosts 12 teachers and administrators from Japan. DPI contributes \$500 toward each airline ticket, and those traveling to Japan are responsible for their remaining costs. In alternate years, DPI contributes a total of \$6,000 toward the cost of the Japanese teachers and administrators when they visit Wisconsin. The program has been suspended for the past three years, due to a lack of funds for Japan's participation. However, the Japanese have

agreed to continue the program, beginning in 2007-08.

3. The State Superintendent signed a memorandum of understanding in 2006, agreeing to send French teacher assistants to teach in Wisconsin schools, while DPI sends teachers to serve in France. DPI would use \$12,000 annually to send principals to France every other year, and to host French principals in the alternate years.

4. Under the third project, DPI proposes to invite five teachers from China to teach in Wisconsin, beginning in 2007-08, and increasing the number of teachers to 10 in 2008-09 and 15 in 2009-10. DPI would require each participating school district to provide \$8,000 per Chinese educator teaching in their school district for the school year. Of the total, \$5,000 would be paid to the Chinese teacher to defray living expenses, \$2,000 would be paid to DPI to provide summer orientation for the teacher, and \$1,000 would be paid for the teacher to attend three professional development conferences. The salary of the Chinese teacher would be paid by China.

5. DPI would use the requested GPR to fund a summer orientation program for the five teachers participating in the project, an estimated 10 other Chinese teachers who have come to Wisconsin under other exchange programs, as well as 10 state teachers who speak Chinese and wish to be certified. The summer program would be provided on a fee basis, with staffing, materials, and program development funded with \$20,000 GPR.

6. In 2005-06, the agency request indicates that DPI funded international education activities internally, with \$11,100 GPR and approximately \$29,000 PR from private grants for this purpose. However, DPI anticipates that these private grants will not be available in future years.

ALTERNATIVES TO BILL

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$38,000 annually for the following international education activities: (a) Japan teacher seminar for visiting teachers and administrators; (b) France teacher/administrator exchange project; and (c) a summer orientation program for visiting Chinese teachers.

ALT 1	Change to Bill Funding	Change to Base Funding
GPR	\$0	\$76,000

2. Delete provision.

ALT 2	Change to Bill Funding	Change to Base Funding
GPR	-\$76,000	\$0

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