



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 SENATE BILL 41

February 12, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, QUINN, NASS, SPREITZER, FEYEN and KEYESKI, cosponsored by Representatives GOEBEN, ALLEN, STUBBS, PENTERMAN, ARMSTRONG, STEFFEN, GUNDRUM, DITTRICH, BRILL, MIRESE, CALLAHAN, KREIBICH, SUBECK, KNODL, O'CONNOR, WICHGERS and PIWOWARCZYK. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT *to repeal* 20.455 (2) (fc); *to create* 20.455 (2) (fc) of the statutes;

relating to: school safety grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Office of School Safety in the Department of Justice to establish a competitive grant program that is open to public and private schools for grants to improve the safety of school buildings and to provide security training to school personnel. In administering the program, the Office of School Safety must give preference to applicants that have not yet received a school safety grant from DOJ. The bill provides \$30,000,000 for these grants and specifies that the maximum amount DOJ may award to an applicant is \$20,000. The bill also requires the Office of School Safety to submit an annual report related to these grants to the Joint Committee on Finance. Finally, the grant program sunsets on July 1, 2027.

For further information see the state 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:

SENATE BILL 41**SECTION 1**

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

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20.455 Justice, department of**(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

(fc) School safety competitive grants GPR B \$30,000,000 -0-

SECTION 2. 20.455 (2) (fc) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (2) (fc) *School safety competitive grants.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for grants under 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 4 (1).

SECTION 3. 20.455 (2) (fc) of the statutes, as created by 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**(1) SCHOOL SAFETY COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.****(a) In this subsection:**

1. "Office" means the office of school safety in the department of justice.
2. "Private school" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3r).
3. "Public school" has the meaning given in s. 115.01 (1).
4. "Tribal school" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (15m).

(b) 1. The office shall establish a competitive grant program to award grants to public, private, and tribal schools to improve the safety of school buildings and to provide security training to school personnel.

2. In awarding grants under this paragraph, the office shall give preference to applicants that have not received a grant under s. 165.88.

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3. The office may not award more than \$20,000 to an applicant under the program established under subd. 1.

(c) By July 31, 2026, and July 31, 2027, the office shall submit a report to the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance providing an account of the grants awarded under this subsection during the previous fiscal year and the expenditures made with the grant moneys.

(d) No grants may be awarded under this subsection after June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2025 biennial budget act, whichever is later, except as follows:

(1) SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS. The repeal of s. 20.455 (2) (fc) takes effect on July 1, 2027.

(END)