



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 521

October 18, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives SHELTON, JOERS, C. ANDERSON, CLANCY, JACOBSON, MYERS, SHANKLAND, MADISON, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SUBECK, BARE, STUBBS, MOORE OMOKUNDE, J. ANDERSON and NEUBAUER, cosponsored by Senators LARSON, SMITH, ROYS, AGARD, HESSELBEIN, SPREITZER, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER and PFAFF. Referred to Committee on Labor and Integrated Employment.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 119.04 (1); and *to create* 20.255 (2) (ch) and 115.422 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** grants to encourage individuals to pursue a career in
3 teaching or to facilitate teacher licensure, granting rule-making authority, and
4 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The bill creates a new grant program administered by the Department of Public Instruction and available to school districts and operators of independent charter schools to reimburse the cost of "Grow Your Own" programs. Under the bill, Grow Your Own programs include high school clubs that encourage careers in teaching, payment of costs associated with current staff acquiring education needed for licensure, support for career pathways using dual enrollment, support for partnerships focused on attracting or developing new teachers, or incentives for paraprofessionals to gain licensure. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 for this purpose.

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:

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SECTION 1

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

	2023-24	2024-25
3 20.255 Public instruction, department of		
4 (2) AID FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING		
5 (ch) Grow your own programs;		
6 teacher pipeline capacity build-		
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8 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (ch) of the statutes is created to read:
9 20.255 (2) (ch) *Grow your own programs; teacher pipeline capacity building.*
10 The amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 115.422 to school districts and
11 operators of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

12 **SECTION 3.** 115.422 of the statutes is created to read:
13 **115.422 Grow your own programs; teacher pipeline capacity building.**

14 (1) In this section, “grow your own program” means a program to encourage
15 individuals to pursue a career in teaching or to facilitate teacher licensure. “Grow
16 your own program” includes high school clubs that encourage careers in teaching,
17 payment of costs associated with current staff acquiring education needed for
18 licensure, support for career pathways using dual enrollment, support for
19 partnerships focused on attracting or developing new teachers, or incentives for
20 paraprofessionals to gain licensure.

21 (2) Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, from the appropriation under s.
22 20.255 (2) (ch), the department shall award grants to a school district or the operator

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1 of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) to reimburse the school district or
2 charter school for costs associated with grow your own programs.

3 **(3)** The department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this
4 section, including criteria for awarding a grant.

5 **SECTION 4.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes, as affected by Wisconsin Act 12, is
6 amended to read:

7 119.04 **(1)** Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),
8 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,
9 115.345, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2), 115.415, 115.422,
10 115.445, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12,
11 118.124, 118.125 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163,
12 118.164, 118.18, 118.19, 118.196, 118.20, 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6),
13 (8), and (10), 118.245, 118.25, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.2935,
14 118.30 to 118.43, 118.46, 118.50, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55, 118.56, 120.12 (2m),
15 (4m), (5), and (15) to (27), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26),
16 (34), (35), (37), (37m), and (38), 120.137, 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are
17 applicable to a 1st class city school district and board but not, unless explicitly
18 provided in this chapter or in the terms of a contract, to the commissioner or to any
19 school transferred to an opportunity schools and partnership program.

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(END)