DOA:......Kretschmann, BB0335 - Teacher Pipeline Grants

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Grow Your Own programs

The bill creates a new grant program administered by DPI 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 2026-27 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:

SECTION 1. 20.255 (2) (fj) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 **(2)** (fj) *Grow your own programs; teacher pipeline capacity building.* The amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 115.422 to school districts and operators of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

> ****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 115.422 of the statutes is created to read:

115.422 Grow your own programs; teacher pipeline capacity

building. **(1)** In this section, "grow your own program" means a program to encourage individuals to pursue a career in teaching or to facilitate teacher licensure. "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.

(2) Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (fj), the department shall award grants to a school district or the operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) to reimburse the school district or charter school for costs associated with grow your own programs.

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

SECTION 3. 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

119.04 **(1)** Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c), 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343, 115.345, 115.355, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2), 115.415, 115.422, 115.445, 115.448, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12, 118.124, 118.125 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18, 118.19, 118.196, 118.20, 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10), 118.245, 118.25, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.2935, 118.30 to 118.43, 118.46, 118.50, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55, 118.56, 118.58, 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5), and (15) to (27), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34), (35), (37),

(37m), and (38), 120.137, 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are applicable to a

1st class city school district and board but not, unless explicitly provided in this

chapter or in the terms of a contract, to the commissioner or to any school

transferred to an opportunity schools and partnership program.

> ****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 119.04 (1). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1503/P2, -1107/P3, and -1131/P2.

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