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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1123

March 6, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives Novak, Bare, Andraca, Conley, Jacobson, Joers, S. Johnson, Moore Omokunde, Mursau, Ratcliff, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Stubbs and Subeck. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to create 20.255 (3) (fb) and 115.412 of the statutes; relating to: grants

for fine arts teacher mentorship and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, the Department of Public Instruction must contract with a nonprofit organization to establish a fine arts teacher mentorship program to provide materials and services, including resources, advice, and mentorship connections, to beginning music, art, and performing arts teachers. The nonprofit organization must match the amount provided by DPI for the mentorship program. The nonprofit organization must also provide a quarterly report to DPI on the organization's compliance with the mentorship program requirements and its expenditures on the mentorship program.

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:

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

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of the following:

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1	20.255 Public instruction, department of
2	(3) AIDS TO LIBRARIES, INDIVIDUALS AND
3	ORGANIZATIONS
4	(fb) Fine arts teacher mentorship
5	program GPR B 50,000 50,000
6	Section 2. 20.255 (3) (fb) of the statutes is created to read:
7	20.255 (3) (fb) Fine arts teacher mentorship program. Biennially, the amounts
8	in the schedule for a fine arts teacher mentorship program under s. 115.412.
9	Section 3. 115.412 of the statutes is created to read:
10	115.412 Fine arts teacher mentorship program. (1) Beginning in the
11	2024-25 school year, the department shall contract with a Wisconsin-based
12	nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to
13	section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code to establish a fine arts teacher
14	mentorship program for beginning music, art, and performing arts teachers.
15	(2) The nonprofit organization that enters into a contract under sub. (1) shall
16	match the amount provided by the department under this section. No moneys in the
17	appropriation under s. 20.255 (3) (fb) may be disbursed until the nonprofit
18	organization demonstrates to the department that the nonprofit organization meets

or will meet the match requirement. The department may consider in-kind

(3) The fine arts teacher mentorship program under sub. (1) shall include all

contributions received by the nonprofit organization for matching purposes.

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- (a) Activities and consultation in support of beginning music, art, and performing arts teachers employed by school districts, including guidance in the classroom and at meetings.
- (b) Resources, including materials, time, and financial assistance for state conferences, that will support a beginning music, art, or performing arts teacher's effectiveness in the classroom.
- (c) Connection of retired and currently employed, experienced music, art, and performing arts teacher mentors with beginning music, art, and performing arts teachers.
- (d) Materials and advice specifically designed to prepare beginning music, art, and performing arts teachers for success in the music, art, or performing arts classroom and to prepare pupils in grades kindergarten to 12 for music, art, or performing arts performances and festivals.
- (4) The nonprofit organization that enters into a contract under sub. (1) shall provide the department quarterly reports detailing the nonprofit organization's compliance with the requirements under sub. (3) and any expenditures of moneys for the fine arts teacher mentorship program.
- (5) The state superintendent may for good cause suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a contract entered into in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (6) The nonprofit organization that enters into a contract under sub. (1) may reimburse mentors in the fine arts teacher mentorship program for business travel expenses incurred in the performance of a mentor's duties in the program at a rate not to exceed the current rate of reimbursement allowed under the standard method for computation of business travel expenses pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.