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## 2023 SENATE BILL 1061

February 21, 2024 - Introduced by Senator AGARD, cosponsored by Representatives VINING, HONG, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MYERS, BARE, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, JOERS, MADISON, ORTIZ-VELEZ, RATCLIFF, STUBBS, SUBECK and PALMERI. Referred to Committee on Education.

**AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (3) (cm) and 115.429 of the statutes; **relating to:**

grants for prospective school social workers, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under this bill, the Department of Public Instruction must establish and administer a grant program to award grants for the costs of obtaining the education required for a school social worker license issued by DPI. The grants may only be awarded to an individual who is a member of a racial minority group and who is either an employee of a school board or enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program leading to licensure as a school social worker.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

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

**SENATE BILL 1061****SECTION 1****2023-24****2024-25****20.255 Public instruction, department of**

(3) AIDS TO LIBRARIES, INDIVIDUALS AND  
ORGANIZATIONS

(cm) Grants for prospective school

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**SECTION 2.** 20.255 (3) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (3) (cm) *Grants for prospective school social workers.* The amounts in the schedule for the grants under s. 115.429 to prospective school social workers.

**SECTION 3.** 115.429 of the statutes is created to read:

**115.429 Grants for prospective school social workers.** (1) In this section, “member of a racial minority group” means an individual who is any of the following:

- (a) A Black American.
- (b) An American Indian or Alaskan native.
- (c) A Hispanic, as defined in s. 16.287 (1) (d).
- (d) An individual of Asian or Pacific Island origin.
- (e) An individual whose ancestry includes 2 or more races.

(2) The department shall establish and administer a grant program to award to individuals who meet the eligibility requirements under sub. (3) grants for the costs of acquiring education needed for licensure as a school social worker.

(3) Grants may be awarded under this section only to an individual who is a

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member of a racial minority group and who meets one of the following requirements:

(a) The individual is an employee of a school board.

(b) The individual is enrolled in an institution of higher education or an accredited graduate school in a program of study leading to licensure as a school social worker.

(4) The department may promulgate rules to implement this section.

**(END)**