



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 BILL

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (2) (bt) and 115.448 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for feasibility studies of school district consolidation or whole grade sharing and
3 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law does not provide state assistance to fund feasibility studies for school districts considering consolidation or whole grade sharing agreements.

The bill requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to award grants of up to \$25,000 to consortia of 2 or more school boards to fund feasibility studies of school district consolidation or whole grade sharing agreements. Grant moneys must be used for a professional financial analysis, which may include a population study, of the effects of consolidation or whole grade sharing on the school districts. In order to be eligible for a grant for a consolidation feasibility study, each school board in a consortium must demonstrate that it has adopted a resolution to consider consolidation.

