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ASSEMBLY BILL 1

March 16, 2018 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION and Representative NOVAK, by request of Governor Scott Walker. Referred to Committee on Education.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.455 (2) (f) and 165.88 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 to schools for school safety and safety-related upgrades to school buildings,
3 equipment, and facilities; providing an exemption from rule-making
4 procedures; and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a grant program, administered by the Department of Justice, to award grants to school districts, operators of independent charter schools, governing bodies of private schools, and tribal schools to improve school safety. Under the bill, DOJ must, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, develop a plan for awarding the grants. The plan must include what expenditures are eligible to be funded by a grant, including expenditures related to the employment of armed school safety officers and safety-related upgrades to school buildings, equipment, and facilities.

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:

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

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1 **20.455** **Justice, department of**

2 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

3 (f) School safety GPR C 100,000,000 -0-

4 **SECTION 2.** 20.455 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.455 (2) (f) *School safety*. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the
6 schedule to provide grants under s. 165.88 (2).

7 **SECTION 3.** 165.88 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **165.88 Grants for school safety. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

9 (a) “Former officer” means a person who was formerly employed as a law
10 enforcement officer to whom s. 941.23 (2) (c) 1. to 7. applies.

11 (b) “Independent charter school” means a charter school established under s.
12 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

13 (c) “Law enforcement officer” means a person who is employed in this state by
14 a public agency as a law enforcement officer and to whom s. 941.23 (1) (g) 2. to 5. and
15 (2) (b) 1. to 3. applies.

16 (d) “Private school” has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3r).

17 (e) “School board” has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (7).

18 (f) “Tribal school” has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (15m).

19 **(2) GRANTS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY.** (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2)
20 (f), the department of justice shall award grants for expenditures related to
21 improving school safety. The department shall accept applications for a grant under
22 this subsection from school boards, operators of independent charter schools,
23 governing bodies of private schools, and tribal schools.

1 (b) The department of justice, in consultation with the department of public
2 instruction, shall develop a plan for use in awarding grants under this subsection.
3 The department of justice shall include in the plan a description of what types of
4 expenditures are eligible to be funded by grant proceeds. Eligible expenditures shall
5 include expenditures to comply with the model practices created in s. 165.28 (1);
6 expenditures for training under s. 165.28 (3); subject to par. (c), expenditures to
7 employ armed school safety officers; expenditures for safety-related upgrades to
8 school buildings, equipment, and facilities; and expenditures necessary to comply
9 with s. 118.07 (4) (cm). Notwithstanding s. 227.10 (1), the plan need not be
10 promulgated as rules under ch. 227.

11 (c) If a grant under this subsection is awarded to employ armed school safety
12 officers, the grant money may be used to employ only law enforcement officers or
13 former law enforcement officers as armed school safety officers and may not be used
14 to supplant existing resources used for this purpose. A school that receives a grant
15 to employ armed school safety officers shall demonstrate that the moneys are not
16 supplanting existing resources used for this purpose by submitting an accounting of
17 the previous year expenditures used to employ, hire, or retain armed school safety
18 officers. A school that receives a grant to employ armed school safety officers may
19 receive a grant for 3 consecutive years without submitting a new application each
20 year. In the first year, the grant shall cover 75 percent of the costs associated with
21 employing armed school safety officers; in the 2nd year, the grant shall cover 50
22 percent of the costs associated with employing armed school safety officers; and in
23 the 3rd year, the grant shall cover 25 percent of the costs associated with employing
24 armed school safety officers.

