



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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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.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (3) (cm) and 115.429 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants  
2             for prospective school social workers, granting rule-making authority, and  
3             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:*

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

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

2 (3) AIDS TO LIBRARIES, INDIVIDUALS AND  
3 ORGANIZATIONS

4 (cm) Grants for prospective school

5 social workers GPR A 5,000,000 5,000,000

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

7 20.255 (3) (cm) *Grants for prospective school social workers.* The amounts in  
8 the schedule for the grants under s. 115.429 to prospective school social workers.

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

10 **115.429 Grants for prospective school social workers. (1)** In this section,  
11 “member of a racial minority group” means an individual who is any of the following:

12 (a) A Black American.

13 (b) An American Indian or Alaskan native.

14 (c) A Hispanic, as defined in s. 16.287 (1) (d).

15 (d) An individual of Asian or Pacific Island origin.

16 (e) An individual whose ancestry includes 2 or more races.

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

20 **(3)** Grants may be awarded under this section only to an individual who is a  
21 member of a racial minority group and who meets one of the following requirements:

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

