

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
2009-11 BIENNIAL BUDGET  
DRAFTING REQUEST TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

Draft for Possible 2009-11 Budget Bill Introduction (*Agency Decision Item No. 4507*)

**Subject:** School Safety Grants  
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**Brief Description of Intent:**

The Department requests \$5,000,000 GPR in FY11 to create a new, continuing appropriation for grants to reimburse school districts for costs allowable under the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA), but not paid under that act. These competitive grants would be used to prevent violence, respond to emergencies, manage crises, and recover from major safety-related events. Grant funds may be used for safety personnel, including safety officers, pupil services staff with clinical licenses, materials for suicide prevention, mental health materials, training for staff, contract services and costs of security equipment, including, but not limited to, surveillance cameras, communication systems (including walkie-talkies), enhanced fencing and lighting, and threat assessment costs using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design System.

The Department also requests \$250,000 GPR and 1.0 GPR FTE annually for state administration of the grant program, related training, and technical assistance services.

**Related Stat. Citations:**

Establish a new categorical aid appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dh), Wis. Stats., for school safety grants. Appropriate \$5,000,000 GPR in FY11.

Create a new section under ch. 115, Wis. Stats., to establish the new grant program.