

From: Rep.Schraa
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 4:00 PM
Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB-4361/1, relating to: grants to the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center and making an appropriation.
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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2019
TO: Legislative Colleagues
FROM: Representative Michael Schraa
Representative Steve Doyle
RE: **Co-sponsorship of LRB-4361/1, relating to:** grants to the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center and making an appropriation.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 5:00 PM

This legislation is part of a broader package of bills recommended by the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention. This bipartisan task force was created in March of 2019 and held six public hearings across the state with the charge of evaluating the current resources for suicide prevention and identifying opportunities to target and assist at-risk individuals.

Wisconsin cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs) and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) collaborated to establish the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools (WISH) Center. The WISH Center provides training and assistance to Wisconsin public schools. During the task force's hearings we heard testimony that the WISH Center could enhance suicide prevention efforts across the state if it were to attain additional staff.

This bill does just that. It requires DPI to award an annual grant to a CESA program – the WISH Center's executive director is employed by CESA (currently CESA 4) – to support the implementation of the WISH Center's mission of providing prevention and intervention programs for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, mental health programs, and programs to support school safety. The funds must first be used to support the ongoing operations of the project. If additional funding is available, then the funding may be utilized for other services offered to school districts, including training and technical assistance related to general wellness.

Appropriations for this bill are split, in recognition that this fiscal year is well underway. During fiscal year 2019-20, the grant would total \$70,000 and rise during fiscal year 2020-21 to \$200,000. These amounts will bolster the ability of the WISH Center to provide services effectively across the state with the goal of enhancing suicide prevention efforts and, ultimately, save lives.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond to this e-mail or contact Linda in Representative Schraa's office at 7-7990 by **Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

If you or someone you know is struggling, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1.800.273.8255 or text "HOPELINE" to 741741.

You can also find the interim report, in its entirety, [here](#).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to annually award a grant to a cooperative educational service agency to support a collaborative project between DPI and CESAs that provides training and technical assistance to school districts related to prevention and intervention programs for alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, mental health programs, and programs to promote school safety. This collaborative project is known as the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center or the WISH Center. Under the bill, the CESA that receives the grant must use the money to support the ongoing operations of the WISH Center and, if money is available, to expand the WISH Center's offerings to include training and technical assistance related to general wellness.

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



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (1) (en) and 115.28 (66) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 grants to the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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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:

BILL**SECTION 1****2019-20****2020-21****1 20.255 Public instruction, department of****2 (1) EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP****3 (en) Grant to support the Wisconsin****4 Safe and Healthy Schools Center GPR A \$70,000 \$200,000****5 SECTION 2.** 20.255 (1) (en) of the statutes is created to read:**6 20.255 (1) (en) *Grant to support the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center.***

7 The amounts in the schedule for a grant under s. 115.28 (66) to support a
8 collaborative project between the department of public instruction and cooperative
9 educational service agencies.

10 SECTION 3. 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.28 (66) GRANT TO SUPPORT THE WISCONSIN SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS
12 CENTER. From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (en), the department shall
13 annually award a grant to a cooperative educational service agency to support a
14 collaborative project between the department and cooperative educational service
15 agencies, the purpose of which is to build the capacity of school districts to implement
16 prevention and intervention programs for alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse,
17 mental health programs, and programs to promote school safety. The cooperative
18 educational service agency that receives a grant under this section shall first use the
19 grant to support the ongoing operations of the collaborative project and to the extent
20 funding is available, to expand the services offered to school districts to include
21 training and technical assistance related to general wellness.

22 (END)