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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 4:03 PM
To: *Legislative All Assembly; *Legislative All Senate
Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB 4373/1- relating to: grants to support peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs in high schools, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.
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CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

TO: Legislative Colleagues

FROM: Representative Cindi Duchow,
Representative Rob Stafsholt,
Senator Alberta Darling

RE: **Co-sponsorship of LRB-4373/1, relating to:** grants to support peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs in high schools, granting rule-making authority, 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.

Peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs like HOPE Squad and Source of Strength have a huge impact on adolescents. Trained peer leaders that come out of these programs are much more likely to refer suicidal friends to an adult. These programs also help to diminish some of the negative stigma around seeking help, and increase the perception of adult support in a positive manner. Overall, the peer leaders coming out of these programs enhance the protective factors in reducing suicide in school populations.

By providing a way for schools to apply for financial resources necessary to start these peer-to-peer programs, we can have a direct impact in reducing suicides in our adolescent population. DPI may award grant amounts up to \$1000.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond to this e-mail or contact Alicia in Representative Duchow's office at 6-3007 or Rachel in Senator Darling's office at 6-5830 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 establish a competitive grant program to award grants for the purpose of supporting peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs in public, private, and tribal high schools. Under the bill, a grant may be awarded to support an existing peer-to-peer suicide prevention program or to implement a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program at a high school. However, for the purposes of awarding grants, the bill requires DPI to give a preference to applications to implement peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs.

Under the bill, for each high school for which a grant is awarded, DPI may award the governing body of the high school up to \$1,000. The bill further specifies that DPI may renew a grant for an individual school for up to three additional school years.



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4373/1
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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p. a. and 119.04 (1); and *to create* 20.255 (2)
2 (du) and 115.366 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to support peer-to-peer
3 suicide prevention programs in high schools, granting rule-making authority,
4 and making an appropriation.

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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:

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

2019-20 2020-21

3 **20.255 Public instruction, department of**

4 (2) AID FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

5 (du) Peer-to-peer suicide prevention

6 programs; grants GPR A -0- 250,000

7 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (du) of the statutes is created to read:

8 20.255 (2) (du) *Peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs; grants.* The amounts
9 in the schedule for grants under s. 115.366 to support peer-to-peer suicide
10 prevention programs in schools operating high school grades.

11 **SECTION 3.** 115.366 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **115.366 Grants to support peer-to-peer suicide prevention programs.**

13 (1) GRANT PROGRAM. The department shall establish and implement a competitive
14 grant program to award grants for the purpose of supporting peer-to-peer suicide
15 prevention programs in public, private, and tribal schools that operate high school
16 grades. A recipient of a grant under this section may use the grant to support an
17 existing peer-to-peer suicide prevention program or to implement a peer-to-peer
18 suicide prevention program at a school at which pupils attend high school grades.

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1 In awarding grants under this section, the department shall give preference to
2 applications for a grant to implement a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program.

3 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES. Any of the following that operates high school grades
4 may apply for a grant under this section:

5 (a) A school board.

6 (b) An operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

7 (c) The governing body of a private school.

8 (d) A tribal school.

9 (3) AWARDS. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, from the appropriation
10 under s. 20.255 (2) (du), the department shall award up to \$1,000 for each school for
11 which a grant is awarded under sub. (1).

12 (4) RENEWALS. A recipient of a grant under this section may apply to renew a
13 grant to implement or support a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program at a
14 specific school. The department may renew a grant under this subsection without
15 requiring the applicant to participate in the competitive application processes
16 established under sub. (1). The department may renew a grant to support a
17 peer-to-peer suicide prevention program at a specific high school up to 3 times.

18 (5) RULES. The department may promulgate rules to implement and
19 administer this section.

20 SECTION 4. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin
21 Act 9, is amended to read:

22 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p. a. Add the amounts appropriated in the current fiscal year
23 under s. 20.255 (2), except s. 20.255 (2) (ac), (aw), (az), (bb), (dj), (du), (fm), (fp), (fq),
24 (fr), (fu), (k), and (m); and s. 20.505 (4) (es); and the amount, as determined by the
25 secretary of administration, of the appropriation under s. 20.505 (4) (s) allocated for

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1 payments to telecommunications providers under contracts with school districts and
2 cooperative educational service agencies under s. 16.971 (13).

3 **SECTION 5.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),
5 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,
6 115.345, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2), 115.415, 115.445,
7 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125
8 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18,
9 118.19, 118.196, 118.20, 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10),
10 118.245, 118.25, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.30 to 118.43,
11 118.46, 118.50, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55, 118.56, 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5), and (15)
12 to (27), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34), (35), (37),
13 (37m), and (38), 120.137, 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are applicable to a
14 1st class city school district and board but not, unless explicitly provided in this
15 chapter or in the terms of a contract, to the commissioner or to any school transferred
16 to an opportunity schools and partnership program.

17 **SECTION 6. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
18 except as follows:

19 (1) PAYMENT INDEXING MECHANISM FOR CHOICE SCHOOLS, INDEPENDENT CHARTER
20 SCHOOLS, AND THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PROGRAM. The treatment of s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p.
21 a. takes effect on July 1, 2020.

22 (END)