



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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2019 BILL

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.255 (3) (fr) and 115.28 (65) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 funding for Wisconsin Reading Corps and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state superintendent of public instruction must distribute to Wisconsin Reading Corps to provide one-on-one tutoring to pupils the following amounts appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for that purpose:

1. In the 2017-18 school year, \$300,000.
2. In the 2018-19 school year, \$700,000.

This bill requires the state superintendent to continue annually making the distribution to Wisconsin Reading Corps going forward and increases the amounts appropriated to \$1,000,000 in the 2019-20 school year and \$2,000,000 in the 2020-21 school year.

The bill also 1) changes the purpose of the distribution from providing “one-on-one tutoring” to providing “evidence-based instruction”; and 2) creates a requirement that Wisconsin Reading Corps must submit a biennial report on the effectiveness of the instructional programs.

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:

BILL**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.255 (3) (fr) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.255 (3) (fr) *Wisconsin Reading Corps*. The amounts in the schedule for
3 payments to Wisconsin Reading Corps under s. 115.28 (65). ~~No moneys may be~~
4 ~~encumbered under this paragraph after June 30, 2019.~~

5 **SECTION 2.** 115.28 (65) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 115.28 (65) WISCONSIN READING CORPS. ~~In the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school~~
7 ~~years,~~ Annually distribute the amounts appropriated under s. 20.255 (3) (fr) to
8 Wisconsin Reading Corps to provide ~~one-on-one tutoring~~ evidence-based
9 instruction if Wisconsin Reading Corps provides matching funds of \$250,000 in each
10 school year. The state superintendent shall require Wisconsin Reading Corps to
11 submit a biennial report to the state superintendent on the effectiveness of the
12 instructional program funded under this subsection. The state superintendent shall
13 submit the report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under
14 s. 13.172 (3).

15 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

16 (1) ENACTMENT OF BIENNIAL BUDGET ACT; RECONCILIATION PROVISION. If the 2019
17 biennial budget act is enacted and the repeal and recreation of s. 20.005 (3) by that
18 act takes effect on July 1, 2019, then SECTIONS 4 (1) and 5 (2) of this act are void.

19 **SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

20 (1) APPROPRIATION AMOUNTS BEFORE ENACTMENT OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET ACT. In
21 the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public
22 instruction under s. 20.255 (3) (fr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018-19 is
23 increased by \$300,000 for payments to Wisconsin Reading Corps under s. 115.28 (65).

24 (2) 2019-20 APPROPRIATION AMOUNT AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET ACT.
25 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public

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1 instruction under s. 20.255 (3) (fr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is
2 increased by an amount to appropriate \$1,000,000 for payments to Wisconsin
3 Reading Corps under s. 115.28 (65). If the amount appropriated for fiscal year
4 2019-20 is at least \$1,000,000, this subsection does not apply.

5 (3) 2020-21 APPROPRIATION AMOUNT AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET ACT.

6 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public
7 instruction under s. 20.255 (3) (fr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21 is
8 increased by an amount to appropriate \$2,000,000 for payments to Wisconsin
9 Reading Corps under s. 115.28 (65). If the amount appropriated for fiscal year
10 2020-21 is at least \$2,000,000, this subsection does not apply.

11 **SECTION 5. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
12 except as follows:

13 (1) WISCONSIN READING CORPS. The treatment of ss. 20.255 (3) (fr) and 115.28
14 (65) takes effect on July 1, 2019.

15 (2) APPROPRIATION AMOUNTS BEFORE ENACTMENT OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET ACT.

16 SECTION 4 (1) of this act takes effect on June 30, 2019.

17 (3) APPROPRIATION AMOUNTS AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE BIENNIAL BUDGET ACT.

18 SECTION 4 (2) and (3) of this act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd
19 day after publication of the 2019 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

20 (END)