State of Wisconsin

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2025 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT **relating to:** professional development for science teachers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS; PILOT. In the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, subject to sub. (3), the department of public instruction shall, in collaboration with nonprofit organizations located in this state that offer professional development to individuals who teach science to pupils in grades kindergarten to 12, develop and implement a program to provide professional development opportunities to individuals who teach science to pupils in grades kindergarten to 12 in this state. As part of the program developed under this subsection, if science equipment is related to or the subject of a professional development opportunity provided under the program, the department of public instruction may provide, at no cost, the science equipment to the individuals who participate in the professional development opportunity for use at the schools at which the individuals teach science.

(2) REPORT. By no later than October 1, 2027, the department of public instruction shall submit to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) a report on the program implemented under sub. (1) that includes the number of individuals who received professional development under the program, science equipment provided to participants for use in the classroom, and each organization that provided professional development opportunities under the program.

(3) FUNDING REQUEST. By no later than 45 days after the effective date of this subsection, the department of public instruction shall submit a request to the joint committee on finance to supplement the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (eb) with the funding that was provided in the joint committee on finance supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865 (4) (a) for professional development for science teachers under 2025 Wisconsin Act 15. If the joint committee on finance does not supplement the appropriation for this purpose by June 1, 2026, the department need not comply with sub. (1) or (2).

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* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."