



## 1999 SENATE BILL 306

December 15, 1999 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH, ROSENZWEIG, SCHULTZ, BURKE, BAUMGART, DECKER, GROBSCHMIDT and BRESKE, cosponsored by Representatives KREIBICH, RYBA, F. LASEE, HASENOHRL, HUBER, SYKORA, BALOW, PLOUFF, JOHNSRUD, WAUKAU, YOUNG, J. LEHMAN, PETROWSKI, RICHARDS, MUSSER, BLACK, GUNDERSON, OTT and SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.255 (3) (eh) and 115.28 (42) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2           establishing a geographical education fund and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the department of public instruction (DPI) to enter into an agreement with the National Geographic Society Education Foundation to establish the Wisconsin geographical education fund to award grants and to support programs to improve geographical education in Wisconsin. Among other things, this agreement must require both DPI and the foundation to make an initial grant of \$500,000 to the fund and the foundation to submit to DPI an annual, financial audit statement of the fund.

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

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

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

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**SECTION 1**

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**20.255 Public instruction, department of**

(3) AIDS TO LIBRARIES, INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

(eh) Wisconsin geographical education fund

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**SECTION 2.** 20.255 (3) (eh) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (3) (eh) *Wisconsin geographical education fund.* The amounts in the schedule for the Wisconsin geographical education fund under s. 115.28 (42). No moneys may be encumbered under this paragraph after June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 3.** 115.28 (42) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (42) WISCONSIN GEOGRAPHICAL EDUCATION FUND. Enter into an agreement with the National Geographic Society Education Foundation to establish the Wisconsin geographical education fund. The agreement shall require all of the following:

(a) That the National Geographic Society Education Foundation manage the Wisconsin geographical education fund.

(b) That the department award an initial grant of \$500,000 from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (3) (eh) to the Wisconsin geographical education fund, to be matched by a grant from the National Geographic Society.

(c) That income and appreciation from the Wisconsin geographical education fund be used to award grants and support programs to improve geographical education in this state.

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1 (d) That the National Geographic Society Education Foundation annually  
2 submit to the department an audited financial statement of the Wisconsin  
3 geographical education fund prepared by an independent auditor and a report listing  
4 the names of grant recipients and the amounts and purposes of awards and other  
5 expenditures made from the Wisconsin geographical education fund.

6 (e) That, if the Wisconsin geographical education fund is dissolved, the  
7 National Geographic Society Education Foundation shall return to the department  
8 the department's original grant under this subsection and any accumulated and  
9 unexpended income thereon.

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**(END)**