



**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 20**

December 19, 1997 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 120.18 (1) (a); *to amend* 43.70 (1), 43.70 (2)
2 and 120.08 (2) (a); and *to create* 120.18 (1) (a) 1. and 2. of the statutes; **relating**
3 **to:** the method of determining the number of children residing in a school
4 district for purposes of taking an annual school count.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 43.70 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, is
6 amended to read:
7 43.70 (1) No later than October 15 of each year, each school district
8 administrator shall certify to the state superintendent, on forms provided by the
9 state superintendent, a report of the number of ~~children~~ persons residing in the
10 school district on the preceding June 30, as reported in ~~the school census~~ under s.
11 120.18 (1) (a).

1 **SECTION 2.** 43.70 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, is
2 amended to read:

3 43.70 (2) Annually, within 40 days after December 1, the state superintendent
4 shall apportion the amount appropriated under s. 20.255 (2) (s) to the school districts
5 in proportion to the number of children persons resident therein, as shown by the
6 census report certified under sub. (1).

7 **SECTION 3.** 120.08 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 120.08 (2) (a) Upon petition filed with the school district clerk signed by 3% of
9 the number of heads of families residing in the school district as enumerated by the
10 last school census electors residing in the school district or 100 electors, whichever
11 is less fewer, or upon the motion of the school board in a common or union high school
12 district, a special meeting shall be called by the school district clerk or, in his or her
13 absence, by the school district president or school district treasurer. If the petition
14 includes a subject beyond the power of the special meeting to transact, the school
15 district clerk shall reject such subject and so notify each elector signing the petition.

16 **SECTION 4.** 120.18 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27,
17 is renumbered 120.18 (1) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

18 120.18 (1) (a) (intro.) The school census count, showing the numbers and ages
19 of children persons who are at least 4 years old but not yet 14 years old and who reside
20 in a school district operating only elementary grades, showing the number and ages
21 of children persons between the ages of 14 and 20 residing in a union high school
22 district and showing the number and ages of children persons between the ages of
23 4 and 20 residing in any other school district. ~~The census may be estimated by using~~
24 ~~statistically significant sampling techniques that have been approved by the state~~
25 ~~superintendent.~~ Children cared for at a charitable or penal institution of this state

1 may not be included in the report. The school district clerk may employ a competent
2 person to take the school ~~census. count.~~ The count may be determined by using any
3 of the following methods:

4 **SECTION 5.** 120.18 (1) (a) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

5 120.18 (1) (a) 1. Conducting a school census on the preceding June 30.

6 2. Adding the number of persons under this paragraph who were residents of
7 the school district and were enrolled in the school district on the 3rd Friday of
8 September of the previous school year; plus the number of persons under this
9 paragraph who were residents of the school district and who were enrolled in private
10 schools, home-based private educational programs or other school districts on the
11 3rd Friday of September of the previous school year; plus the number or an estimate
12 of the number of those persons under this paragraph who were residents of the school
13 district and not enrolled in the school district, private schools, home-based private
14 educational programs or other school districts on the 3rd Friday of September of the
15 previous school year.

16 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

17 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.

18 (END)