



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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FOR 2011-13 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Under current law, a pupil living in the city of Milwaukee may, under the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP), attend a private school at state expense if, among other conditions, the pupil is a member of a family that has a total family income that does not exceed 175 percent of the poverty level. Generally, the state pays a participating private school the lesser of the private school's cost per pupil that is related to educational programming or the sum of the amount paid per pupil in the previous school year plus the percentage change in the amount of appropriated general school aids. However, under current law, for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years, the state pays a participating private school a per pupil payment equal to the lesser of the private school's cost per pupil that is related to educational programming or \$6,442. This bill extends the exception to the general per pupil payment calculation through the 2012-13 school year.

Under current law, school boards may enter into contracts with individuals, groups, businesses, or governmental bodies to establish charter schools, which operate with fewer constraints than traditional public schools. Current law also permits UW-Milwaukee, UW-Parkside, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the city of Milwaukee to operate charter schools (independent charter schools). Currently, and through the 2010-11 school year, the operator of an independent

charter school receives per pupil state aid in an amount equal to the amount paid per pupil in the previous school year, increased by an amount that is tied to the increase in the per pupil state aid received by a private school participating in the MPCP. Under current law, beginning in the 2011-12 school year, the per pupil payment made to independent charter schools is tied to the per pupil revenue limit adjustment for public schools. Under this bill, the per pupil payment to independent charter schools remains tied to the method for determining the per pupil payment received by a private school participating in the MPCP through the 2012-13 school year.

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:

SECTION 1. 118.40 (2r) (e) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.40 (2r) (e) 1. a. In the ~~2009-10~~ 2011-12 and ~~2010-11~~ 2012-13 school years, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (fm), the department shall pay to the operator of the charter school an amount equal to the sum of the amount paid per pupil under this subdivision in the previous school year and the increase in the per pupil amount paid to private schools under s. 119.23 (4) (b) 2. or (bg) in the current school year as compared to the previous school year, multiplied by the number of pupils attending the charter school.

SECTION 2. 118.40 (2r) (e) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.40 (2r) (e) 1. b. In the ~~2011-12~~ 2013-14 school year and in each school year thereafter, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (fm), the department shall pay to the operator of the charter school an amount equal to the sum of the amount paid per pupil under this subdivision in the previous school year and the per pupil revenue limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) in the current school year, multiplied by the number of pupils attending the charter school.

SECTION 3. 119.23 (4) (bg) of the statutes is amended to read:

119.23 (4) (bg) In the ~~2009-10~~ 2011-12 and ~~2010-11~~ 2012-13 school years, upon receipt from the pupil's parent or guardian of proof of the pupil's enrollment in the private school during a school term, the state superintendent shall pay to the parent or guardian, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (fu), an amount equal to the private school's operating and debt service cost per pupil that is related to educational programming, as determined by the department, or \$6,442, whichever is less.

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