



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 1085

March 27, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives CULLEN, PORTER, CARPENTER, HAHN and FREESE, cosponsored by Senator MOEN. Referred to Committee on Urban Education.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** chapter 119 (title), 119.01 and 119.02 (1) and (2) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** reorganizing the Milwaukee Public School System into 5 school
3 districts and creating a Milwaukee Public School Districts governing board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Effective July 1, 1998, this bill dissolves the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and creates in its place 5 Milwaukee public school districts. Each new school district must operate grades kindergarten to 12. Each new school board must consist of 7 members elected at large for 4-year terms. The initial election of school board members occurs at the 1998 spring election.

The bill creates a Milwaukee Public School Districts Governing Board consisting of one member of each Milwaukee public school board, and a 5-member Milwaukee Public School Districts Implementation Commission. Commission members are appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction. A majority must be residents of the city of Milwaukee.

By July 1, 1997, the commission must submit to the legislature recommendations on any statutory changes deemed necessary by the commission. The commission must include recommendations on the allocation of the powers and duties of MPS between the Milwaukee Public School Districts Governing Board and the new Milwaukee school boards. The bill directs the commission to assign to the Milwaukee Public School Districts Governing Board only those powers and duties that are best exercised on a city-wide basis.

Finally, the bill requires the state superintendent, by January 1, 1997, to appoint a 15-member advisory council for each new Milwaukee school district. Each council must prepare a plan for the operation of the school district and submit the plan to the appropriate school board when it takes office in July, 1998.

- 1 d. Maple Tree.
- 2 e. Stuart.
- 3 f. Thoreau.
- 4 g. River Trail.
- 5 h. Bruce.
- 6 i. Irving.
- 7 j. Parkview.
- 8 k. Bryant.
- 9 l. Engleburg.
- 10 m. Browning.
- 11 n. Kluge.
- 12 o. Emerson.
- 13 p. Grantosa Drive.
- 14 q. Kilbourn.
- 15 r. Lancaster.
- 16 s. 95th Street.
- 17 t. 65th Street.
- 18 u. Congress.
- 19 v. 81st Street.
- 20 w. 53rd Street.
- 21 2. The territory consisting of the combined attendance districts of all of the fol-
- 22 lowing elementary schools shall be Milwaukee Public School District No. 2:
- 23 a. Hampton.
- 24 b. 35th Street.
- 25 c. Clemens.

- 1 d. Garden Homes.
- 2 e. Townsend.
- 3 f. Douglass.
- 4 g. Franklin.
- 5 h. Sherman.
- 6 i. Clarke Street.
- 7 j. Auer Avenue.
- 8 k. Hi Mount Boulevard.
- 9 l. 37th Street.
- 10 m. 31st Street.
- 11 3. The territory consisting of the combined attendance districts of all of the fol-
- 12 lowing elementary schools shall be Milwaukee Public School District No. 3:
- 13 a. Neeskara.
- 14 b. Story.
- 15 c. Burbank.
- 16 d. Doerfler.
- 17 e. Grant.
- 18 f. Lincoln Avenue.
- 19 g. Fairview.
- 20 h. Manitoba.
- 21 i. Zablocki.
- 22 j. Alcott.
- 23 k. 78th Street.
- 24 l. Honey Creek.
- 25 m. Whitman.

1 n. Curtin.

2 o. Morgandale.

3 p. Lowell.

4 q. Whittier.

5 r. Cooper.

6 s. Victory.

7 t. Garland.

8 4. The territory consisting of the combined attendance districts of all of the fol-
9 lowing elementary schools shall be Milwaukee Public School District No. 4:

10 a. Wisconsin Avenue.

11 b. Longfellow.

12 c. Kagel.

13 d. Vieau.

14 e. Mitchell.

15 f. Forest Home Avenue.

16 g. Allen-Field.

17 h. Dover Street.

18 i. Humboldt.

19 j. Trowbridge.

20 k. Fernwood.

21 l. Burdick.

22 m. Clement Avenue.

23 n. Riley.

24 5. The territory consisting of the combined attendance districts of all of the fol-
25 lowing elementary schools shall be Milwaukee Public School District No. 5:

- 1 a. Barton.
- 2 b. Hawthorne.
- 3 c. Carleton.
- 4 d. McNair.
- 5 e. Silver Spring.
- 6 f. Philipp.
- 7 g. Keefe.
- 8 h. Green Bay Avenue.
- 9 i. Hopkins Street.
- 10 j. La Follette.
- 11 k. Martin Luther King Junior.
- 12 l. Gaenslen.
- 13 m. Hartford Avenue.
- 14 n. Wheatley.
- 15 o. Lee.
- 16 p. Holmes.
- 17 q. Pierce.
- 18 r. Maryland Avenue.
- 19 s. Siefert.
- 20 t. Palmer.
- 21 u. Cass Street.

22 (b) The attendance districts identified under paragraph (a) 1. to 5. shall be as
23 specified by the board of school directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools in “Address
24 Identification Guide”, published by the Milwaukee Public Schools’ Division of Par-
25 ent/Student services on August 2, 1994.

1 (c) Each of the Milwaukee public school districts created under paragraph (a)
2 shall operate grades kindergarten to 12.

3 (d) A school under the jurisdiction of a Milwaukee public school board shall be
4 open to pupils residing within the attendance district established for that school by
5 that school board. If no space is available in that school, a pupil residing within the
6 school's attendance district may attend a public school operating the appropriate
7 grade in any of the 5 Milwaukee public school districts.

8 (2) MEMBERS OF MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS. (a) Each of the Milwaukee
9 public school boards shall consist of 7 members elected at large by a plurality vote
10 of the electors of each school district. The initial members of the Milwaukee public
11 school boards shall be elected at the 1998 spring election and shall take office on July
12 1, 1998.

13 (b) The initial terms of 4 of the initial members of the Milwaukee school boards
14 shall be 2 years. The initial terms of 3 of the initial members of the Milwaukee school
15 boards shall be 4 years. For the initial election, in filing nomination papers and a
16 declaration of candidacy, each candidate shall specify whether he or she seeks office
17 for a 2-year or a 4-year term. Successors to the initial board members shall serve
18 for 4-year terms.

19 (3) MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS GOVERNING BOARD. There is created a
20 Milwaukee Public School Districts Governing Board consisting of one member of
21 each Milwaukee public school board elected by that school board.

22 (4) MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION.

23 (a) The state superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a Milwaukee
24 Public School Districts Implementation Commission. The commission shall consist
25 of 5 members, a majority of whom are residents of the city of Milwaukee. The depart-

1 ment of public instruction shall provide staff services to the commission. Commis-
2 sioners shall receive no compensation or reimbursement for their services or ex-
3 penses.

4 (b) The Milwaukee Public School Districts Implementation Commission shall
5 submit to the legislature by July 1, 1997, recommendations on statutory changes
6 needed as a result of the creation of the Milwaukee Public School Districts and the
7 Milwaukee Public School Districts Governing Board under this act, on any other
8 statutory changes required to implement this act and on related matters deemed by
9 the commission to be desirable or necessary to organize and operate the school dis-
10 tricts created by this act. The commission shall include recommendations on the al-
11 location of the powers and duties of the Milwaukee Public Schools between the Mil-
12 waukee Public School Districts Governing Board created under subsection (3) and
13 the Milwaukee public school boards created under subsection (1) .

14 (c) In its recommendations, the commission shall assign to the 5 Milwaukee
15 public school boards the authority to employ their own personnel, to develop their
16 own budgets, and to develop their own curriculum subject to the approval of the Mil-
17 waukee School Districts Governing Board.

18 (d) In its recommendations, the commission shall assign to the Milwaukee Pub-
19 lic School Districts Governing Board only those powers and duties that are best exer-
20 cised on a city-wide basis, such as food service, pupil transportation, special educa-
21 tion, the receipt of general state aid, the disbursement of such aid to the 5 school
22 districts, the approval of each Milwaukee public school board's curriculum, the au-
23 thority to implement changes in the boundaries of the 5 school districts and the au-
24 thority to issue bonds and levy taxes on behalf of the 5 school districts.

