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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 345

May 6, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives M. Lehman, Musser, Olsen, R. Young, Albers, F. Lasee and Gronemus. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1 AN ACT to create 121.91 (4) (f) of the statutes; relating to: increasing a school

district's revenue limit to cover the costs of certain employe contracts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law limits the increase in the total amount of revenue that a school district may receive from general school aids and property taxes in a school year to \$206 per pupil. Several exceptions to the revenue limit exist. For example, if a school district increases the services that it provides by adding responsibility for providing a service transferred to it from another governmental unit, its revenue limit is increased by the cost of that service.

This bill provides that if the number of pupils enrolled in the school district in the current school year is less than the number enrolled in the previous school year, the percentage increase in the school district's revenue limit over the previous school year is less than 3.8%, and the school district's contract with its professional employes provides an increase in total compensation and fringe benefit costs for all such employes of no more than 3.8% in the current school year, the school district's revenue limit in the current school year is increased by the amount necessary to cover the costs of its contract with the professional employes in the current school year that would otherwise exceed its revenue limit.

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:

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1	Section 1. 121.91 (4) (f) of the statutes is created to read:
2	121.91 (4) (f) 1. In this paragraph, "school district professional employes" has
3	the meaning given in s. 111.70 (1) (ne).
4	2. If all of the following apply, the limit otherwise applicable to a school district's
5	revenue in the current school year under sub. (2m) is increased by the amount
6	necessary to cover the costs of its contract with the school district professional
7	employes in the current school year that would otherwise constitute an excess
8	revenue, as defined in s. 121.92 (1):
9	a. The number of pupils in the current school year is less than the number of
10	pupils in the preceding school year.
11	b. The percentage increase in the school district's revenue limit over the
12	previous school year is less than 3.8%.
13	c. The school district's contract with the school district professional employes
14	provides an increase in total compensation and fringe benefit costs for all such
15	employes of no more than 3.8% in the current school year.
16	SECTION 2. Initial applicability.
17	(1) This act first applies to the calculation of a school district's revenue limit

for the school year beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

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