



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 850

March 2, 1998 – Introduced by Representatives CULLEN, KUNICKI, CARPENTER, BOCK, J. LEHMAN, NOTESTEIN, TURNER and L. YOUNG. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 119.23 (5) (a), 119.23 (5) (b) and 121.05 (1) (a) 4.; and **to**
2 **consolidate, renumber and amend** 119.23 (5) (intro.) and (c) of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** the Milwaukee parental choice program and state aid to the
4 Milwaukee Public Schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows up to 15% of the enrollment of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to attend, at no charge, any nonsectarian private school located in the city of Milwaukee under certain circumstances. The state pays the parent or guardian of the pupil an amount equal to the amount of per pupil aid that MPS receives from the state or an amount equal to the private school's educational cost per pupil, whichever is less. The parent or guardian must endorse the check for the use of the private school. The state reduces the MPS school aid entitlement, for each pupil participating in the program, by the amount of per pupil aid that MPS would otherwise receive.

This bill provides that, beginning with aid paid in the 1998–99 school year, pupils participating in the choice program are not counted in the enrollment of MPS for state aid purposes, and the MPS school aid entitlement is not reduced as a result of such participation.

