



1997 SENATE BILL 25

January 28, 1997 - Introduced by Senators PLACHE and MOEN, cosponsored by Representatives LADWIG, J. LEHMAN, TURNER, NOTESTEIN, MEYER, BLACK, RYBA, BALDWIN, MUSSER, GROTHMAN, R. YOUNG and SERATTI. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 121.15 (1) (intro.); and *to create* 121.08 (4) and 121.15 (1m)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** the school aid distribution schedule.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, each school district receives 15% of its total aid entitlement in September, 25% in December, 25% in March and 35% in June.

This bill allows a school district the option of receiving its aid entitlement in 10 payments from September to June. If it chooses this option, its total aid entitlement is reduced by the earnings that the school district's aid entitlement would have accrued had its aid been distributed according to the regular distribution schedule.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 121.08 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
4 121.08 (4) If a school district chooses the distribution schedule under s. 121.15
5 (1m), the aid computed under sub. (1) shall be reduced by an amount equal to the
6 earnings that the school district's aid entitlement would have accrued had the school

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1 district's aid been distributed under s. 121.15 (1), as determined by the department.
2 The department shall ensure that the amount of aid reduction under this subsection
3 lapses to the general fund.

4 **SECTION 2.** 121.15 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 121.15 (1) (intro.) State Except as provided under sub. (1m), state aid under
6 s. 121.08 shall be paid to school districts according to the following distribution
7 schedule:

8 **SECTION 3.** 121.15 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

9 121.15 (1m) (a) If a school board submits a written request to the department
10 before July 1, in the following school year the department shall pay to that school
11 district an amount equal to 10% of the school district's total aid entitlement under
12 s. 121.08 in each month from September to June.

13 (b) For the September and October payments, the total aid entitlement shall
14 be estimated based upon the total aid payment in the previous year.

15 (c) For the payments from November to June, the total aid entitlement shall
16 be computed on the basis of the budget and membership report under s. 121.05.

17 (d) Payments under this subsection shall be made on the 3rd Monday of the
18 month, except that payment shall be made on the first Monday of the month for the
19 December payment and on the 4th Monday of the month for the March payment.

20 (END)