



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 162

March 16, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, HORLACHER, ANDRACA, ARMSTRONG, HINTZ, KUGLITSCH, MURPHY, ROZAR, TUSLER, VRUWINK and BRANDTJEN, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE and FELZKOWSKI. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 121.15 (1) (a) 1. and 121.15 (1) (a) 2. to 5.; *to renumber* 121.15
2 (1) (a) 6.; *to renumber and amend* 121.15 (1) (a); and *to create* 121.15 (1) (a)
3 2. to 6. of the statutes; **relating to:** the timing of equalization aid payments to
4 school districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction pays equalization aid to school districts for each school year in the following four installments: 15 percent in September, 25 percent in December, 25 percent in March, and 35 percent in June. This bill increases the percentage of equalization aid distributed in September by 2 points each school year, and decreases the percentage of equalization aid distributed in June by 2 points each school year, until the 2025-26 school year, at which time the amount of equalization aid distributed in both September and June will be 25 percent. The result is that equalization aid will be paid to school districts in four equal installments beginning in the 2025-26 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:

ASSEMBLY BILL 162**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 121.15 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 121.15 (1) (a) 1. and
2 amended to read:

3 121.15 (1) (a) 1. ~~Each~~ In the 2020-21 school year, each school district shall
4 receive 15 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid
5 entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 35
6 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

7 **SECTION 2.** 121.15 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2021 Wisconsin Act
8 (this act), is repealed.

9 **SECTION 3.** 121.15 (1) (a) 2. to 6. of the statutes are created to read:

10 121.15 (1) (a) 2. In the 2021-22 school year, each school district shall receive
11 17 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid
12 entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 33
13 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

14 3. In the 2022-23 school year, each school district shall receive 19 percent of
15 its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in
16 December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 31 percent of its total
17 aid entitlement in June.

18 4. In the 2023-24 school year, each school district shall receive 21 percent of
19 its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in
20 December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 29 percent of its total
21 aid entitlement in June.

22 5. In the 2024-25 school year, each school district shall receive 23 percent of
23 its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in
24 December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 27 percent of its total
25 aid entitlement in June.

