



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 502

October 16, 2023 - Introduced by Senators LARSON, SMITH, ROYS, HESSELBEIN, AGARD, SPREITZER and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives SHELTON, JOERS, C. ANDERSON, CLANCY, JACOBSON, CONSIDINE, MYERS, VINING, MADISON, BALDEH, SUBECK, SINICKI, RATCLIFF and J. ANDERSON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to create** 115.7915 (4m) (em), 118.40 (2r) (e) 3n., 118.40 (2x) (e) 3., 118.60
2 (4) (d) and 119.23 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** payments for pupils who
3 withdraw from a parental choice program, the Special Needs Scholarship
4 Program, or an independent charter school.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, for each pupil attending a private school under the parental choice program or the Special Needs Scholarship Program and for each pupil attending an independent charter school, the Department of Public Instruction pays a per pupil amount to the private school participating in a parental choice program or the Special Needs Scholarship Program or the independent charter school. DPI pays the annual per pupil amount to the private school or independent charter school in four equal installments. Under the bill, if, during the school year, a pupil withdraws from a private school participating in a parental choice program or the Special Needs Scholarship Program or from an independent charter school and enrolls in a school district, DPI must pay any remaining amount due to the private school or independent charter school for that pupil to the school district in which the pupil is enrolled.

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For further information see the 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 115.7915 (4m) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

2 115.7915 **(4m)** (em) Notwithstanding pars. (a), (cm), and (e), if a child attending
3 a private school under the scholarship program under this section withdraws from
4 the private school under this section during a school year and enrolls in a school
5 district, the department shall pay the remainder of the scholarship amount due to
6 the private school for the child for that school year to the school district in which the
7 child enrolls.

8 **SECTION 2.** 118.40 (2r) (e) 3n. of the statutes is created to read:

9 118.40 **(2r)** (e) 3n. Notwithstanding subd. 2p., if a pupil attending a charter
10 school established by or under a contract with an entity under par. (b) 1. for whom
11 a payment is due under this paragraph withdraws from the charter school during the
12 school year and enrolls in a school district, the department shall pay any remaining
13 amount due to the operator for that pupil for that school year to the school district
14 in which the pupil enrolls.

15 **SECTION 3.** 118.40 (2x) (e) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

16 118.40 **(2x)** (e) 3. Notwithstanding subd. 1m., if a pupil attending a charter
17 school established under this subsection for whom a payment is due under this
18 paragraph withdraws from the charter school during the school year and enrolls in
19 a school district, the department shall pay any remaining amount due to the operator
20 for that pupil for that school year to the school district in which the pupil enrolls.

21 **SECTION 4.** 118.60 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

