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FOR 1999-01 BUDGET - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

CAUCUS AMENDMENT

TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133

- 1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:
- 2 **1.** Page 28, line 6: after that line insert:
- 3 "SECTION 37j. 15.377 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:
- 4 15.377 (1) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. (a) *Definition.* In
- 5 this subsection, "visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).
- 6 (b) *Creation.* There is created a blind and visual impairment education council
- 7 in the department of public instruction.
- 8 (c) *Members.* The blind and visual impairment education council shall consist
- 9 of the following members, at least one of whom has been certified by the library of

1 congress as a braille transcriber, appointed by the state superintendent for 3-year
2 terms:

3 1. Three parents of children who are visually impaired.

4 2. Three persons who are members of an organization affiliated with persons
5 who are visually impaired.

6 3. Three licensed teachers, one of whom is a teacher of the visually impaired,
7 one of whom is an orientation and mobility ^{teacher} and one of whom is a general education
8 teacher.

9 4. One school board member.

10 5. One school district administrator.

11 6. One school district special education director.

12 7. One cooperative educational service agency representative.

13 8. One person who has experience in educating the visually impaired or in
14 educating teachers of the visually impaired and is affiliated with an institution of
15 higher education.

16 9. Three other members, at least one of whom is visually impaired.”.

17 **2.** Page 63, line 2: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and substitute
18 “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

19 **3.** Page 127, line 11: delete “residential schools” and substitute “School for the
20 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

21 **4.** Page 127, line 12: after “costs” insert “; School for the Deaf and Center for
22 the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

23 **5.** Page 128, line 1: delete “Residential schools” and substitute “School for the
24 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

1 **6.** Page 128, line 2: after that line insert:

2 “(gL) Center for the Blind and Visu-
3 ally Impaired; leasing of space PR^gC ^{MOVE} -0- -0-

4 (gs) School for the Deaf and Center
5 for the Blind and Visually
6 Impaired; services PR^gC -0- -0-”.

7 **7.** Page 128, line 3: delete “Residential schools” and substitute “School for the
8 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

9 **8.** Page 300, line 19: after that line insert:

10 “**SECTION 250p.** 20.255 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 20.255 (1) (b) *General program operations; ~~residential schools~~ School for the*
12 *Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.* The amounts in the schedule
13 for the operation and maintenance of the Wisconsin schools School for the deaf Deaf
14 and the ~~visually handicapped~~ Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired,
15 the matching of federal funds, but not including expenses financed under par. (js).
16 ~~All moneys received in reimbursement for services rendered institutional employes,~~
17 ~~participants in institutes and training programs and visitors at the state schools for~~
18 ~~the deaf and the visually handicapped under s. 115.52 (6), except reimbursements~~
19 ~~credited under par. (js), shall be refunded to the appropriation made by this~~
20 ~~paragraph. Such reimbursements shall be accumulated in an account named~~
21 ~~“maintenance credits”.~~

22 **SECTION 250q.** 20.255 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 20.255 (1) (c) *Energy costs; School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and*
24 *Visually Impaired.* The amounts in the schedule to be used at the schools Wisconsin

1 School for the deaf Deaf and visually handicapped the Wisconsin Center for the Blind
2 and Visually Impaired to pay for utilities and for fuel, heat and air conditioning, to
3 pay costs incurred by or on behalf of the department under ss. 16.858 and 16.895, and
4 to repay to the energy efficiency fund loans made to the department under s. 16.847
5 (6).

6 **SECTION 250r.** 20.255 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 20.255 (1) (d) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient to reimburse
8 s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the payment of principal and interest costs incurred in financing
9 the acquisition, construction, development, enlargement or improvement of
10 institutional facilities for individuals with hearing impairments and visual
11 impairments under s. 115.52, individuals with visual impairments under s. 115.525
12 and reference and loan library facilities under s. 43.05 (11).

13 **SECTION 250s.** 20.255 (1) (gb) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 20.255 (1) (gb) *Residential schools School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind*
15 *and Visually Impaired; nonresident fees.* All moneys received from fees charged
16 nonresident pupils ~~under s. 115.52 (3)~~ for services provided at the residential schools
17 Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (3) and for services provided by the
18 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (3) (a) 3.

19 **SECTION 250t.** 20.255 (1) (gh) of the statutes is created to read:

20 20.255 (1) (gh) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
21 *Impaired; hospitalization.* All moneys received on account of hospitalization under
22 s. 115.53 (4) for the operation of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf and the Wisconsin
23 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

24 **SECTION 250u.** 20.255 (1) (gL) of the statutes is created to read:

1 20.255 (1) (gL) *Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; leasing of space.*
2 All moneys received from leasing space at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
3 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (6) for the operation and maintenance of the
4 center.

5 **SECTION 250v.** 20.255 (1) (gs) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.255 (1) (gs) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
7 *Impaired; services.* All moneys received from services provided at the Wisconsin
8 School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (6) and at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
9 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (5) for the operation and maintenance of the
10 school and the center.

11 **SECTION 250w.** 20.255 (1) (gt) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 20.255 (1) (gt) ~~*Residential schools*~~ *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind*
13 *and Visually Impaired; pupil transportation.* The amounts in the schedule for the
14 weekend transportation of pupils enrolled in the residential schools under subch. III
15 of ch. 115 Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 or the school operated by the
16 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 to and from
17 their homes. All moneys received under s. 115.53 (6) shall be credited to this
18 appropriation.”.

19 **9.** Page 411, line 18: after that line insert:

20 “**SECTION 641p.** 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) *Public instruction; state ~~schools~~ school, state center and*
22 *library facilities.*”.

23 **10.** Page 518, line 12: after that line insert:

24 “**SECTION 912h.** 39.41 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 39.41 (1) (bm) "Senior" means a pupil enrolled in the 12th grade in a public or
2 private high school, the Wisconsin school School for the deaf and Deaf or the
3 Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin
4 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

5 **SECTION 912g.** 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. For the Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school
7 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, designate the
8 senior with the highest grade point average in all subjects as a scholar."

9 **11.** Page 520, line 9: after that line insert:

10 **"SECTION 913mv.** 39.41 (1m) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 39.41 (1m) (f) If 2 or more seniors from the Wisconsin school for the visually
12 handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
13 Impaired have the same grade point average and, except for the limitation of one
14 designated senior, are otherwise eligible for designation under par. (c) 1., the
15 executive secretary shall make the designation under par. (c) 1. of the senior who may
16 be eligible for a higher education scholarship as a scholar and, if that senior does not
17 qualify for a higher education scholarship under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a), shall designate
18 one or more of the remaining seniors with the same grade point average as eligible
19 for a higher education scholarship as a scholar under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a) until the
20 scholarship may be awarded by the board."

21 **12.** Page 541, line 19: delete "School for the Visually" and substitute "Center
22 for the Blind and Visually Impaired".

23 **13.** Page 541, line 20: delete "Handicapped".

24 **14.** Page 555, line 25: after that line insert:

1 **“SECTION 999p.** 46.041 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 46.041 (1) (a) Provide for the temporary residence and evaluation of children
3 referred from courts assigned to exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, the
4 institutions and services under the jurisdiction of the department, University of
5 Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority, county departments under s. 46.215,
6 46.22 or 46.23, private child welfare agencies, ~~schools~~ the Wisconsin School for the
7 ~~deaf and visually handicapped, Deaf, the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and~~
8 Visually Impaired and mental health facilities within the state at the discretion of
9 the ~~superintendent~~ director of the institution providing services under this section.”.

10 **15.** Page 717, line 24: delete the material beginning with “School for” and
11 ending with “Handicapped” on line 25 and substitute “Center for the Blind and
12 Visually Impaired”.

13 **16.** Page 718, line 9: delete that line and substitute “behalf of the Wisconsin
14 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Wisconsin”.

15 **17.** Page 718, line 14: delete that line and substitute “pars. (b) and (c) to the
16 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the”.

17 **18.** Page 718, line 22: delete that line and substitute “administrative costs.
18 If the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

19 **19.** Page 719, line 1: delete that line and substitute “medical services that the
20 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

21 **20.** Page 719, line 8: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and
22 substitute “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

23 **21.** Page 1094, line 22: after that line insert:

24 **“SECTION 2042g.** 115.31 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 115.31 (1) (b) "Educational agency" means a school district, cooperative
2 educational service agency, state correctional institution under s. 302.01, secured
3 correctional facility, as defined in s. 938.02 (15m), secured child caring institution,
4 as defined in s. 938.02 (15g), the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped~~
5 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Wisconsin school School
6 for the deaf Deaf, the Mendota mental health institute, the Winnebago mental health
7 institute, a state center for the developmentally disabled, a private school or a
8 private, nonprofit, nonsectarian agency under contract with a school board under s.
9 118.153 (3) (c).".

10 **22.** Page 1096, line 8: after that line insert:

11 "SECTION 2047g. 115.37 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12 **115.37 Blind and visual impairment education council.** (1) In this
13 section:

14 (a) "Council" means the blind and visual impairment education council.

15 (b) "Visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

16 (2) The state superintendent shall seek the advice of and consult with the
17 council on issues related to persons who are visually impaired. The state
18 superintendent and the director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
19 Impaired, or their designees, shall attend meetings of the council.

20 (3) The council shall do all of the following:

21 (a) Meet at least twice each year.

22 (b) Advise the state superintendent on such statewide services, activities,
23 programs, investigations and research as in its judgment will benefit pupils who are
24 visually impaired.

1 (c) Make recommendations for the improvement of services provided by the
2 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

3 (d) Review the level and quality of services available to pupils in the state who
4 are visually impaired and make recommendations about those services.

5 (e) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve the preparation of
6 teachers and other staff who provide services to pupils who are visually impaired.

7 (f) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve coordination between
8 the department and other agencies in providing services to persons who are visually
9 impaired.

10 (4) The council may initiate consultations with the department.

11 (5) The council shall have access to public files, public records and statistics
12 kept in the department that relate to matters concerning children who are visually
13 impaired.”.

14 **23.** Page 1097, line 2: after that line insert:

15 “**SECTION 2053b.** Subchapter III (title) of chapter 115 [precedes 115.51] of the
16 statutes is amended to read:

17 **CHAPTER 115**

18 **SUBCHAPTER III**

19 **STATE SCHOOLS SCHOOL FOR THE**

20 **DEAF AND STATE CENTER FOR THE**

21 **BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

22 **SECTION 2053c.** 115.51 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 2053d.** 115.51 (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

24 115.51 (3) “Local educational agency” has the meaning given in s. 115.76 (10).

1 (4) "Visually impaired" means loss of vision or blindness as described in the
2 rule promulgated by the state superintendent to define "visual impairments" for the
3 purposes of s. 115.76 (5) (a) 4.

4 **SECTION 2053f.** 115.52 of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **115.52 Wisconsin schools School for the visually handicapped and the**
6 **deaf Deaf.** (1) The object of the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped and~~
7 ~~the Wisconsin school School for the deaf Deaf~~ is to afford persons with visual
8 ~~impairments and persons with hearing impairments~~ a practical education and
9 physical rehabilitation which may aid them to make a living, discharge their duties
10 as citizens and secure to them all possible happiness.

11 (2) The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the ~~school for the~~
12 ~~visually handicapped and the school School for the deaf Deaf.~~ The state
13 superintendent may fix the period of the school year at the ~~schools school~~ at not less
14 than 38 weeks, prescribe the school terms and confer diplomas upon meritorious
15 pupils who have completed the prescribed curricula.

16 (3) All the ~~blind and the deaf~~ residents of this state 6 to 20 years old, and for
17 the duration of a school term all the ~~blind or deaf~~ residents of this state who become
18 21 years old during that school term, who are capable of receiving instruction shall
19 be received and taught in the ~~schools School for the Deaf~~ free of charge. Like
20 nonresident pupils also may be received upon payment in advance of the fees fixed
21 by the state superintendent at an amount not less than \$75 per month, but no
22 nonresident shall be received to the exclusion of a resident pupil. The state
23 superintendent also may admit pupils who are 21 years of age or older prior to the
24 beginning of a school term upon the payment of fees fixed by the superintendent and
25 upon the recommendation of the secretary of health and family services, the director

1 of the technical college system or the superintendent of the school to which the pupil
2 will be assigned School for the Deaf. All pupils shall equally and freely enjoy the
3 benefits and privileges of the ~~schools~~ school and have the use of the library and books
4 of instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination. The
5 ~~schools~~ school may provide transportation for resident pupils.

6 (5) The state superintendent may grant approval for the maintenance of a
7 summer school at the ~~school~~ School for the ~~deaf~~ Deaf whenever it will be to the
8 advantage of persons with hearing impairments ~~and may grant approval for the~~
9 ~~maintenance of a summer school at the school for the visually handicapped whenever~~
10 ~~it will be to the advantage of children with visual impairments. There shall be a~~
11 ~~summer school each year at the school for the visually handicapped for adults with~~
12 ~~visual impairments.~~

13 (6) The state superintendent may make charges for meals, living quarters,
14 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the ~~schools~~ School for the Deaf
15 and their families. The state superintendent also may make charges for services
16 furnished to visitors at the ~~schools~~ school and participants in training programs and
17 institutes.

18 (7) The Wisconsin ~~school~~ School for the ~~deaf~~ Deaf may provide instruction for
19 preschool children with hearing impairments and their parents. ~~The Wisconsin~~
20 ~~school for the visually handicapped may provide instruction for preschool children~~
21 ~~with visual impairments and their parents.~~ Such instruction or treatment shall be
22 subject to the approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the
23 department.

24 **SECTION 2053h.** 115.525 of the statutes is created to read:

1 **115.525 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. (1)**

2 **DEFINITION.** In this section, “center” means the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
3 Visually Impaired.

4 **(1m) PURPOSE.** The purpose of the center is to serve as a statewide educational
5 resource relating to visual impairments to benefit all Wisconsin children who are
6 visually impaired.

7 **(2) GOVERNANCE.** The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the
8 center. The state superintendent shall appoint an individual who has training and
9 experience in educating pupils who are visually impaired to serve as the director of
10 the center.

11 **(3) SERVICES.** The center shall provide services that benefit children
12 throughout the state who are visually impaired.

13 **(a) School. 1. ‘Residents 3 to 20 years old.’** The center shall operate a school
14 at which any resident of this state 3 to 20 years old who is visually impaired, and for
15 the duration of a school term any resident of this state who is visually impaired and
16 becomes 21 years old during that school term, shall be received and taught free of
17 charge if the individualized education program for the resident under s. 115.787 and
18 the educational placement under s. 115.79 specify the school operated by the center
19 as the appropriate placement.

20 **2. ‘Residents 21 years old or older.’** The state superintendent may admit to the
21 school operated by the center a resident of the state who is visually impaired and is
22 21 years of age or older prior to the beginning of a school term upon the payment of
23 fees fixed by the state superintendent and upon the recommendation of the secretary
24 of health and family services, the director of the technical college system or the
25 director of the center.

1 3. ‘Nonresidents.’ A nonresident of this state, who is visually impaired, who
2 either is 3 to 20 years old or becomes 21 years old during a school term, whose
3 individualized education program under 20 USC 1414 (d) and educational placement
4 specify the school operated by the center as the appropriate placement and who is
5 capable of receiving instruction may be received at the school upon payment in
6 advance of the fees fixed by the state superintendent, but no nonresident may be
7 received to the exclusion of a resident pupil.

8 4. ‘Pupil use of residential facilities.’ Except as provided in sub. (4), the director
9 of the center shall make the residential facilities at the center available to all pupils
10 received at the school operated by the center.

11 5. ‘School term.’ The state superintendent shall fix the period of the school term
12 at the school operated by the center at not less than 38 weeks, prescribe the school
13 sessions and confer diplomas upon meritorious pupils who have completed the
14 prescribed curriculum. Pursuant to a pupil’s individualized education program
15 under s. 115.787, a pupil may be placed at the school for less than a school term.

16 6. ‘Transportation.’ The center may provide transportation for resident pupils
17 at the school operated by the center.

18 (b) *Other statewide services.* The center may do any of the following:

19 1. Provide testing, evaluation and assessment services to assist local
20 educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies and county children
21 with disabilities education boards.

22 2. Provide technical assistance and consultation services to entities such as
23 local educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies, county children
24 with disabilities education boards and private schools.

25 3. Develop and disseminate curriculum and instructional materials.

- 1 4. Provide inservice and other training to teachers and other staff serving
2 pupils who are visually impaired.
- 3 5. Provide training, technical assistance and consultation services for parents
4 of children who are visually impaired and for professionals who work with children
5 who are visually impaired.
- 6 6. Provide materials in braille, large print and other appropriate formats to
7 children who are visually impaired.
- 8 7. Train teachers and braillists about braille codes and formats used by
9 individuals who are visually impaired.
- 10 8. Loan books and other materials from the library described in par. (c) 2.
- 11 9. Serve as a clearinghouse for information about children who are visually
12 impaired, including information related to library resources, adapted materials and
13 current research.
- 14 10. Assist in providing assistive technology services, as defined in s. 115.76 (2),
15 for pupils who are visually impaired.
- 16 11. Lend, rent or lease technological materials and assistive technology
17 devices, as defined in s. 115.76 (1), to local educational agencies, cooperative
18 educational service agencies and county children with disabilities education boards.
- 19 12. Facilitate the preparation of teachers of pupils who are visually impaired
20 by providing assistance to teacher preparation programs.
- 21 13. Coordinate and collaborate with public and private agencies and
22 organizations that provide services to individuals who are visually impaired,
23 including the development of employment skills and opportunities.
- 24 14. Provide other statewide services that relate to the education of children who
25 are visually impaired.

1 (c) *Additional services.* 1. 'Birth to 2 services.' The center may provide
2 instruction or services, or both, for children who are under the age of 2 and are
3 visually impaired and their parents. The instruction or services are subject to the
4 approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the department.

5 2. 'Library.' Embossed, clear type or large type books acquired by the center
6 constitute a circulating collection for persons who are visually impaired. The
7 collection shall be kept at the center and be under the supervision of its director. All
8 school age children of the state who are visually impaired may use such books upon
9 compliance with criteria established by the director of the center and approved by
10 the state superintendent.

11 3. 'Summer programs.' The center shall provide summer programs each year
12 for children who are visually impaired.

13 4. 'Adult summer program.' The center shall provide a summer program each
14 year for adults who are visually impaired. The state superintendent may contract
15 with other entities to provide this program.

16 5. 'Independent living skills.' With the approval of the state superintendent,
17 the center may use state-owned housing on the grounds of the center in Janesville
18 as a facility in which individuals receive instruction in and practice independent
19 living skills.

20 (d) *Provision of services.* In addition to providing services at the center's facility
21 in Janesville, the center may provide services at any location in the state and may
22 operate regional satellite facilities throughout the state to provide services.

23 (4) **NONDISCRIMINATION.** All pupils at the center may equally and freely enjoy
24 the benefits and privileges of the center, have the use of the library and books of
25 instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination, except

1 that the director of the center may determine that board, lodging and laundry may
2 not be provided to an individual because appropriate services are not available for
3 that individual at the center's residential facilities.

4 (5) CHARGES. The state superintendent may charge for meals, living quarters,
5 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the center and their families.
6 The state superintendent may charge for services furnished to visitors at the center
7 and participants in training programs and institutes.

8 (6) LEASING OF SPACE. The state superintendent may lease space at the center
9 in Janesville that is not required by the center to any person if the state
10 superintendent determines that the use will not be inconsistent with the operation
11 of the center.

12 (7) AUDIT. In the 2002–03 fiscal year, the legislative audit bureau shall perform
13 a performance evaluation audit of the center. The bureau shall submit copies of the
14 audit report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the
15 appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) by June 30, 2003.

16 SECTION 2053j. 115.53 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 115.53 (2) Arrange for vocational, trade or academic training for any pupil in
18 either ~~state school~~ the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
19 Visually Impaired or the Wisconsin School for the Deaf qualified to take such
20 training advantageously, in either a public school or technical college or a private
21 business establishment in Janesville or Delavan. The public school and the technical
22 college shall be paid the regular tuition for full-time attendance and proportionally
23 for part-time attendance by the school district responsible for the provision of a free
24 appropriate public education under subch. V.

1 **SECTION 2053k.** 115.53 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 115.53 (3) (a) and
2 amended to read:

3 115.53 (3) (a) Arrange for otological or ophthalmic examination of any pupil or
4 prospective pupil of the ~~schools~~ Wisconsin School for the Deaf. The examination shall
5 be paid for from the appropriation in s. 20.255 (1) (b), ~~(gh)~~ or (gs).

6 **SECTION 2053L.** 115.53 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

7 115.53 (3) (b) Arrange for ophthalmic or otological examination of any pupil or
8 prospective pupil of the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
9 Visually Impaired. The examination shall be paid from the appropriation in s. 20.255
10 (1) (b), (gh), (gL) or (gs).

11 **SECTION 2053m.** 115.53 (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

12 115.53 (4) Apply to the board of directors of the University of Wisconsin
13 Hospitals and Clinics Authority for admission to the University of Wisconsin
14 Hospitals and Clinics of any pupil ~~in~~ at the state schools Wisconsin School for the
15 Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
16 Impaired.

17 (a) The application shall be accompanied by the report of a physician appointed
18 by the ~~appropriate school superintendent~~ of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the
19 director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and shall be in
20 the same form as reports of other physicians for admission of patients to such
21 hospital.

22 (b) The net cost of hospital treatment shall be at the rate established under s.
23 233.40 (1) and shall be ~~chargeable to~~ paid from the appropriation for operating the
24 patient's school under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the
25 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh).

1 (gL) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the school operated by the Wisconsin Center
2 for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The state superintendent likewise may
3 authorize payment for the expense of transporting patients to and from the hospital.
4 The state superintendent shall make payments for the treatment to the University
5 of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. Funds collected by the state
6 superintendent on account of the hospitalization shall be ~~deposited in~~ credited to the
7 appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) ~~(b)~~ (gh) for the school or center concerned.

8 (5) Arrange for visits by members of the staff of either school the Wisconsin
9 School for the Deaf or the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to
10 other public schools or to families of ~~blind or deaf children~~ or children who are
11 visually impaired, whenever it appears to the state superintendent that such visits
12 will be of advantage to ~~blind or deaf~~ such children.

13 **SECTION 2053p.** 115.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **115.54 Compulsory education.** If it appears, by affidavit, to any circuit
15 judge that any ~~blind or deaf child~~ or child who is visually impaired between the ages
16 of 6 and 21 is deprived of a suitable education by the failure of the person having the
17 care and custody of the child to provide a suitable education, the judge shall order
18 the person to bring the child before the judge. If the material allegations of the
19 affidavit are denied, the judge shall subpoena witnesses and hear testimony. If the
20 allegations are admitted or established, the judge may order the child sent to the
21 school Wisconsin School for the visually handicapped or for the deaf Deaf, the school
22 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or to some
23 class or other school for instruction, but the order ~~shall~~ may not make a direct charge
24 for the class or school against any county.

25 **SECTION 2053q.** 115.55 of the statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 2053r.** 115.58 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **115.58 Park grounds.** The state superintendent may permit the city of
3 Janesville to use portions of the grounds of the ~~state school for the visually~~
4 ~~handicapped~~ Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Janesville,
5 which abut on the Rock river, for purposes of operating a city park. Any construction
6 on such grounds is subject to prior approval by the state superintendent. Any
7 agreement pursuant hereto shall be cancelable at the option of either party without
8 liability. Any such grounds so used by the city of Janesville shall be supervised by
9 the city and shall be subject to the ordinances of the city of Janesville applicable to
10 city parks.”.

11 **24.** Page 1123, line 7: after that line insert:

12 **“SECTION 2131d.** 121.05 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 121.05 (1) (a) 8. Pupils enrolled in ~~a residential school operated by the state the~~
14 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the
15 Blind and Visually Impaired under subch. III of ch. 115 for whom the school district
16 is paying tuition under s. 115.53 (2) determined by multiplying the total number of
17 periods in each day in which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school by the
18 total number of days for which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school and
19 dividing the product by 1,080.”.

20 **25.** Page 1127, line 17: after that line insert:

21 **“SECTION 2142m.** 121.54 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 121.54 (3) TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. Every school board
23 shall provide transportation for children with disabilities, as defined in s. 115.76 (5),
24 to any public or private elementary or high school, to the ~~Wisconsin school for the~~

1 visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
2 Visually Impaired or the Wisconsin ~~school~~ School for the deaf Deaf or to any special
3 education program for children with disabilities sponsored by a state tax-supported
4 institution of higher education, including a technical college, regardless of distance,
5 if the request for such transportation is approved by the state superintendent.
6 Approval shall be based on whether or not the child can walk to school with safety
7 and comfort. Section 121.53 shall apply to transportation provided under this
8 subsection.”.

9 **26.** Page 1436, line 16: after that line insert:

10 “**SECTION 3176m.** 940.295 (1) (q) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 3176n.** 940.295 (2) (j) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12 940.295 (2) (j) The Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 and the
13 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525.”.

14 **27.** Page 1542, line 13: after that line insert:

15 “(2c) **TRANSITION PLAN; WISCONSIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.**

16 The state superintendent of public instruction shall prepare a transition plan that
17 sets forth specific funding and staffing recommendations for the operation of the
18 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and describe the appropriate
19 steps for phasing in the appropriate program modifications. The state
20 superintendent shall consult with the blind and visual impairment education council
21 in the preparation of the plan. The blind and visual impairment education council
22 shall review the plan. The state superintendent shall submit the plan to the
23 governor no later than the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective

1 date of this subsection. The state superintendent shall also simultaneously submit
2 a copy of the plan to the legislature under section 13.172 of the statutes.

3 (2cc) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. Notwithstanding the
4 length of term specified in section 15.377 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by this act,
5 the initial members of the blind and visual impairment education council appointed
6 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 4. and 7. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the
7 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this
8 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as
9 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of
10 the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members appointed under section
11 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring
12 on July 1, 2000; the initial members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 5. and 8.
13 of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
14 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed
15 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the
16 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this
17 act, and one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes,
18 as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2001, and the initial
19 member appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 6. of the statutes, as affected by this
20 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as
21 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of
22 the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
23 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members

1 appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall
2 serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2002.”

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FOR 1999-01 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

CAUCUS AMENDMENT

TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 28, line 6: after that line insert:

3 "SECTION 37j. 15.377 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

4 15.377 (1) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. (a) *Definition.* In
5 this subsection, "visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

6 (b) *Creation.* There is created a blind and visual impairment education council
7 in the department of public instruction.

8 (c) *Members.* The blind and visual impairment education council shall consist
9 of the following members, at least one of whom has been certified by the library of

1 congress as a braille transcriber, appointed by the state superintendent for 3-year
2 terms:

- 3 1. Three parents of children who are visually impaired.
- 4 2. Three persons who are members of an organization affiliated with persons
5 who are visually impaired.
- 6 3. Three licensed teachers, one of whom is a teacher of the visually impaired,
7 one of whom is an orientation and mobility teacher and one of whom is a general
8 education teacher.
- 9 4. One school board member.
- 10 5. One school district administrator.
- 11 6. One school district special education director.
- 12 7. One cooperative educational service agency representative.
- 13 8. One person who has experience in educating the visually impaired or in
14 educating teachers of the visually impaired and is affiliated with an institution of
15 higher education.
- 16 9. Three other members, at least one of whom is visually impaired.”.
- 17 **2.** Page 63, line 2: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and substitute
18 “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.
- 19 **3.** Page 127, line 11: delete “residential schools” and substitute “School for the
20 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.
- 21 **4.** Page 127, line 12: after “costs” insert “; School for the Deaf and Center for
22 the Blind and Visually Impaired”.
- 23 **5.** Page 128, line 1: delete “Residential schools” and substitute “School for the
24 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

6. Page 128, line 2: after that line insert:

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1	(gL) Center for the Blind and Visu-				
2	ally Impaired; leasing of space	PR	C	-0-	-0-
3					
4	(gs) School for the Deaf and Center				
5	for the Blind and Visually				
6	Impaired; services	PR	C	-0-	-0-".

7. Page 128, line 3: delete "Residential schools" and substitute "School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired".

8. Page 300, line 19: after that line insert:

9 "SECTION 250p. 20.255 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 20.255 (1) (b) *General program operations; ~~residential schools~~ School for the*

11 *Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired*. The amounts in the schedule

12 for the operation and maintenance of the Wisconsin schools School for the deaf Deaf

13 and the visually handicapped Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired,

14 the matching of federal funds, but not including expenses financed under par. (js).

15 ~~All moneys received in reimbursement for services rendered institutional employes,~~

16 ~~participants in institutes and training programs and visitors at the state schools for~~

17 ~~the deaf and the visually handicapped under s. 115.52 (6), except reimbursements~~

18 ~~credited under par. (js), shall be refunded to the appropriation made by this~~

19 ~~paragraph. Such reimbursements shall be accumulated in an account named~~

20 ~~"maintenance credits".~~

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22 SECTION 250q. 20.255 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 20.255 (1) (c) *Energy costs; School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and*

24 *Visually Impaired*. The amounts in the schedule to be used at the schools Wisconsin

1 School for the deaf Deaf and visually handicapped the Wisconsin Center for the Blind
2 and Visually Impaired to pay for utilities and for fuel, heat and air conditioning, to
3 pay costs incurred by or on behalf of the department under ss. 16.858 and 16.895, and
4 to repay to the energy efficiency fund loans made to the department under s. 16.847
5 (6).

6 **SECTION 250r.** 20.255 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 20.255 (1) (d) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient to reimburse
8 s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the payment of principal and interest costs incurred in financing
9 the acquisition, construction, development, enlargement or improvement of
10 institutional facilities for individuals with hearing impairments and visual
11 impairments under s. 115.52, individuals with visual impairments under s. 115.525
12 and reference and loan library facilities under s. 43.05 (11).

13 **SECTION 250s.** 20.255 (1) (gb) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 20.255 (1) (gb) *Residential schools School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind*
15 *and Visually Impaired: nonresident fees.* All moneys received from fees charged
16 nonresident pupils ~~under s. 115.52 (3)~~ for services provided at the residential schools
17 Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (3) and for services provided by the
18 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (3) (a) 3.

19 **SECTION 250t.** 20.255 (1) (gh) of the statutes is created to read:

20 20.255 (1) (gh) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
21 *Impaired; hospitalization.* All moneys received on account of hospitalization under
22 s. 115.53 (4) for the operation of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf and the Wisconsin
23 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

24 **SECTION 250u.** 20.255 (1) (gL) of the statutes is created to read:

1 20.255 (1) (gL) *Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; leasing of space.*
2 All moneys received from leasing space at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
3 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (6) for the operation and maintenance of the
4 center.

5 **SECTION 250v.** 20.255 (1) (gs) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.255 (1) (gs) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
7 *Impaired; services.* All moneys received from services provided at the Wisconsin
8 School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (6) and at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
9 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (5) for the operation and maintenance of the
10 school and the center.

11 **SECTION 250w.** 20.255 (1) (gt) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 20.255 (1) (gt) *Residential schools School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind*
13 *and Visually Impaired; pupil transportation.* The amounts in the schedule for the
14 weekend transportation of pupils enrolled in the ~~residential schools under subch. III~~
15 ~~of ch. 115~~ Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 or the school operated by the
16 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 to and from
17 their homes. All moneys received under s. 115.53 (6) shall be credited to this
18 appropriation.”.

19 **9.** Page 411, line 18: after that line insert:

20 **“SECTION 641p.** 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) *Public instruction; state ~~schools~~ school, state center and*
22 *library facilities.”.*

23 **10.** Page 518, line 12: after that line insert:

24 **“SECTION 912h.** 39.41 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 39.41 (1) (bm) “Senior” means a pupil enrolled in the 12th grade in a public or
2 private high school, the ~~Wisconsin school~~ School for the deaf and Deaf or the
3 ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin~~
4 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

5 **SECTION 912g.** 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. For the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school~~
7 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, designate the
8 senior with the highest grade point average in all subjects as a scholar.”.

9 **11.** Page 520, line 9: after that line insert:

10 **“SECTION 913mv.** 39.41 (1m) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 39.41 (1m) (f) If 2 or more seniors from the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually~~
12 handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
13 Impaired have the same grade point average and, except for the limitation of one
14 designated senior, are otherwise eligible for designation under par. (c) 1., the
15 executive secretary shall make the designation under par. (c) 1. of the senior who may
16 be eligible for a higher education scholarship as a scholar and, if that senior does not
17 qualify for a higher education scholarship under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a), shall designate
18 one or more of the remaining seniors with the same grade point average as eligible
19 for a higher education scholarship as a scholar under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a) until the
20 scholarship may be awarded by the board.”.

21 **12.** Page 541, line 19: delete “School for the Visually” and substitute “Center
22 for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

23 **13.** Page 541, line 20: delete “Handicapped”.

24 **14.** Page 555, line 25: after that line insert:

1 **“SECTION 999p.** 46.041 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 46.041 (1) (a) Provide for the temporary residence and evaluation of children
3 referred from courts assigned to exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, the
4 institutions and services under the jurisdiction of the department, University of
5 Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority, county departments under s. 46.215,
6 46.22 or 46.23, private child welfare agencies, schools the Wisconsin School for the
7 deaf and visually handicapped, Deaf, the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
8 Visually Impaired and mental health facilities within the state at the discretion of
9 the ~~superintendent~~ director of the institution providing services under this section.”.

10 **15.** Page 717, line 24: delete the material beginning with “School for” and
11 ending with “Handicapped” on line 25 and substitute “Center for the Blind and
12 Visually Impaired”.

13 **16.** Page 718, line 9: delete that line and substitute “behalf of the Wisconsin
14 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Wisconsin”.

15 **17.** Page 718, line 14: delete that line and substitute “pars. (b) and (c) to the
16 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the”.

17 **18.** Page 718, line 22: delete that line and substitute “administrative costs.
18 If the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

19 **19.** Page 719, line 1: delete that line and substitute “medical services that the
20 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

21 **20.** Page 719, line 8: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and
22 substitute “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

23 **21.** Page 1094, line 22: after that line insert:

24 **“SECTION 2042g.** 115.31 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 115.31 (1) (b) “Educational agency” means a school district, cooperative
2 educational service agency, state correctional institution under s. 302.01, secured
3 correctional facility, as defined in s. 938.02 (15m), secured child caring institution,
4 as defined in s. 938.02 (15g), the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped~~
5 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Wisconsin school School
6 for the deaf Deaf, the Mendota mental health institute, the Winnebago mental health
7 institute, a state center for the developmentally disabled, a private school or a
8 private, nonprofit, nonsectarian agency under contract with a school board under s.
9 118.153 (3) (c).”.

10 **22.** Page 1096, line 8: after that line insert:

11 “**SECTION 2047g.** 115.37 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12 **115.37 Blind and visual impairment education council.** (1) In this
13 section:

14 (a) “Council” means the blind and visual impairment education council.

15 (b) “Visually impaired” has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

16 (2) The state superintendent shall seek the advice of and consult with the
17 council on issues related to persons who are visually impaired. The state
18 superintendent and the director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
19 Impaired, or their designees, shall attend meetings of the council.

20 (3) The council shall do all of the following:

21 (a) Meet at least twice each year.

22 (b) Advise the state superintendent on such statewide services, activities,
23 programs, investigations and research as in its judgment will benefit pupils who are
24 visually impaired.

1 (c) Make recommendations for the improvement of services provided by the
2 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

3 (d) Review the level and quality of services available to pupils in the state who
4 are visually impaired and make recommendations about those services.

5 (e) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve the preparation of
6 teachers and other staff who provide services to pupils who are visually impaired.

7 (f) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve coordination between
8 the department and other agencies in providing services to persons who are visually
9 impaired.

10 (4) The council may initiate consultations with the department.

11 (5) The council shall have access to public files, public records and statistics
12 kept in the department that relate to matters concerning children who are visually
13 impaired.”.

14 **23.** Page 1097, line 2: after that line insert:

15 “**SECTION 2053b.** Subchapter III (title) of chapter 115 [precedes 115.51] of the
16 statutes is amended to read:

17 **CHAPTER 115**

18 **SUBCHAPTER III**

19 **STATE SCHOOLS SCHOOL FOR THE**

20 **DEAF AND STATE CENTER FOR THE**

21 **BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

22 **SECTION 2053c.** 115.51 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 2053d.** 115.51 (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

24 115.51 (3) “Local educational agency” has the meaning given in s. 115.76 (10).

1 (4) "Visually impaired" means loss of vision or blindness as described in the
2 rule promulgated by the state superintendent to define "visual impairments" for the
3 purposes of s. 115.76 (5) (a) 4.

4 **SECTION 2053f.** 115.52 of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **115.52 Wisconsin schools School for the visually handicapped and the**
6 **deaf Deaf.** (1) The object of the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped and~~
7 ~~the Wisconsin school~~ School for the deaf Deaf is to afford persons with visual
8 ~~impairments and persons~~ with hearing impairments a practical education and
9 physical rehabilitation which may aid them to make a living, discharge their duties
10 as citizens and secure to them all possible happiness.

11 (2) The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the ~~school for the~~
12 ~~visually handicapped and the school~~ School for the deaf Deaf. The state
13 superintendent may fix the period of the school year at the ~~schools~~ school at not less
14 than 38 weeks, prescribe the school terms and confer diplomas upon meritorious
15 pupils who have completed the prescribed curricula.

16 (3) All the ~~blind and the deaf~~ residents of this state 6 to 20 years old, and for
17 the duration of a school term all the ~~blind or deaf~~ residents of this state who become
18 21 years old during that school term, who are capable of receiving instruction shall
19 be received and taught in the ~~schools~~ School for the Deaf free of charge. Like
20 nonresident pupils also may be received upon payment in advance of the fees fixed
21 by the state superintendent at an amount not less than \$75 per month, but no
22 nonresident shall be received to the exclusion of a resident pupil. The state
23 superintendent also may admit pupils who are 21 years of age or older prior to the
24 beginning of a school term upon the payment of fees fixed by the superintendent and
25 upon the recommendation of the secretary of health and family services, the director

1 of the technical college system or the superintendent of the school to which the pupil
2 will be assigned School for the Deaf. All pupils shall equally and freely enjoy the
3 benefits and privileges of the ~~schools~~ school and have the use of the library and books
4 of instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination. The
5 ~~schools~~ school may provide transportation for resident pupils.

6 (5) The state superintendent may grant approval for the maintenance of a
7 summer school at the ~~school~~ School for the deaf Deaf whenever it will be to the
8 advantage of persons with hearing impairments and may grant approval for the
9 ~~maintenance of a summer school at the school for the visually handicapped whenever~~
10 ~~it will be to the advantage of children with visual impairments. There shall be a~~
11 ~~summer school each year at the school for the visually handicapped for adults with~~
12 ~~visual impairments.~~

13 (6) The state superintendent may make charges for meals, living quarters,
14 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the ~~schools~~ School for the Deaf
15 and their families. The state superintendent also may make charges for services
16 furnished to visitors at the ~~schools~~ school and participants in training programs and
17 institutes.

18 (7) The Wisconsin ~~school~~ School for the deaf Deaf may provide instruction for
19 preschool children with hearing impairments and their parents. ~~The Wisconsin~~
20 ~~school for the visually handicapped may provide instruction for preschool children~~
21 ~~with visual impairments and their parents.~~ Such instruction or treatment shall be
22 subject to the approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the
23 department.

24 **SECTION 2053h.** 115.525 of the statutes is created to read:

1 **115.525 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. (1)**

2 DEFINITION. In this section, "center" means the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
3 Visually Impaired.

4 **(1m) PURPOSE.** The purpose of the center is to serve as a statewide educational
5 resource relating to visual impairments to benefit all Wisconsin children who are
6 visually impaired.

7 **(2) GOVERNANCE.** The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the
8 center. The state superintendent shall appoint an individual who has training and
9 experience in educating pupils who are visually impaired to serve as the director of
10 the center.

11 **(3) SERVICES.** The center shall provide services that benefit children
12 throughout the state who are visually impaired.

13 **(a) School. 1. 'Residents 3 to 20 years old.'** The center shall operate a school
14 at which any resident of this state 3 to 20 years old who is visually impaired, and for
15 the duration of a school term any resident of this state who is visually impaired and
16 becomes 21 years old during that school term, shall be received and taught free of
17 charge if the individualized education program for the resident under s. 115.787 and
18 the educational placement under s. 115.79 specify the school operated by the center
19 as the appropriate placement.

20 **2. 'Residents 21 years old or older'** The state superintendent may admit to the
21 school operated by the center a resident of the state who is visually impaired and is
22 21 years of age or older prior to the beginning of a school term upon the payment of
23 fees fixed by the state superintendent and upon the recommendation of the secretary
24 of health and family services, the director of the technical college system or the
25 director of the center.

1 3. 'Nonresidents.' A nonresident of this state, who is visually impaired, who
2 either is 3 to 20 years old or becomes 21 years old during a school term, whose
3 individualized education program under 20 USC 1414(d) and educational placement
4 specify the school operated by the center as the appropriate placement and who is
5 capable of receiving instruction may be received at the school upon payment in
6 advance of the fees fixed by the state superintendent, but no nonresident may be
7 received to the exclusion of a resident pupil.

8 4. 'Pupil use of residential facilities.' Except as provided in sub. (4), the director
9 of the center shall make the residential facilities at the center available to all pupils
10 received at the school operated by the center.

11 5. 'School term.' The state superintendent shall fix the period of the school term
12 at the school operated by the center at not less than 38 weeks, prescribe the school
13 sessions and confer diplomas upon meritorious pupils who have completed the
14 prescribed curriculum. Pursuant to a pupil's individualized education program
15 under s. 115.787, a pupil may be placed at the school for less than a school term.

16 6. 'Transportation.' The center may provide transportation for resident pupils
17 at the school operated by the center.

18 (b) *Other statewide services.* The center may do any of the following:

19 1. Provide testing, evaluation and assessment services to assist local
20 educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies and county children
21 with disabilities education boards.

22 2. Provide technical assistance and consultation services to entities such as
23 local educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies, county children
24 with disabilities education boards and private schools.

25 3. Develop and disseminate curriculum and instructional materials.

- 1 4. Provide inservice and other training to teachers and other staff serving
2 pupils who are visually impaired.
- 3 5. Provide training, technical assistance and consultation services for parents
4 of children who are visually impaired and for professionals who work with children
5 who are visually impaired.
- 6 6. Provide materials in braille, large print and other appropriate formats to
7 children who are visually impaired.
- 8 7. Train teachers and braillists about braille codes and formats used by
9 individuals who are visually impaired.
- 10 8. Loan books and other materials from the library described in par. (c) 2.
- 11 9. Serve as a clearinghouse for information about children who are visually
12 impaired, including information related to library resources, adapted materials and
13 current research.
- 14 10. Assist in providing assistive technology services, as defined in s. 115.76 (2),
15 for pupils who are visually impaired.
- 16 11. Lend, rent or lease technological materials and assistive technology
17 devices, as defined in s. 115.76 (1), to local educational agencies, cooperative
18 educational service agencies and county children with disabilities education boards.
- 19 12. Facilitate the preparation of teachers of pupils who are visually impaired
20 by providing assistance to teacher preparation programs.
- 21 13. Coordinate and collaborate with public and private agencies and
22 organizations that provide services to individuals who are visually impaired,
23 including the development of employment skills and opportunities.
- 24 14. Provide other statewide services that relate to the education of children who
25 are visually impaired.

1 (c) *Additional services.* 1. ‘Birth to 2 services.’ The center may provide
2 instruction or services, or both, for children who are under the age of 2 and are
3 visually impaired and their parents. The instruction or services are subject to the
4 approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the department.

5 2. ‘Library.’ Embossed, clear type or large type books acquired by the center
6 constitute a circulating collection for persons who are visually impaired. The
7 collection shall be kept at the center and be under the supervision of its director. All
8 school age children of the state who are visually impaired may use such books upon
9 compliance with criteria established by the director of the center and approved by
10 the state superintendent.

11 3. ‘Summer programs.’ The center shall provide summer programs each year
12 for children who are visually impaired.

13 4. ‘Adult summer program.’ The center shall provide a summer program each
14 year for adults who are visually impaired. The state superintendent may contract
15 with other entities to provide this program.

16 5. ‘Independent living skills.’ With the approval of the state superintendent,
17 the center may use state-owned housing on the grounds of the center in Janesville
18 as a facility in which individuals receive instruction in and practice independent
19 living skills.

20 (d) *Provision of services.* In addition to providing services at the center’s facility
21 in Janesville, the center may provide services at any location in the state and may
22 operate regional satellite facilities throughout the state to provide services.

23 (4) **NONDISCRIMINATION.** All pupils at the center may equally and freely enjoy
24 the benefits and privileges of the center, have the use of the library and books of
25 instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination, except

1 that the director of the center may determine that board, lodging and laundry may
2 not be provided to an individual because appropriate services are not available for
3 that individual at the center's residential facilities.

4 (5) CHARGES. The state superintendent may charge for meals, living quarters,
5 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the center and their families.
6 The state superintendent may charge for services furnished to visitors at the center
7 and participants in training programs and institutes.

8 (6) LEASING OF SPACE. The state superintendent may lease space at the center
9 in Janesville that is not required by the center to any person if the state
10 superintendent determines that the use will not be inconsistent with the operation
11 of the center.

12 (7) AUDIT. In the 2002–03 fiscal year, the legislative audit bureau shall perform
13 a performance evaluation audit of the center. The bureau shall submit copies of the
14 audit report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the
15 appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) by June 30, 2003.

16 SECTION 2053j. 115.53 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 115.53 (2) Arrange for vocational, trade or academic training for any pupil in
18 either ~~state school~~ the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
19 Visually Impaired or the Wisconsin School for the Deaf qualified to take such
20 training advantageously, in either a public school or technical college or a private
21 business establishment in Janesville or Delavan. The public school and the technical
22 college shall be paid the regular tuition for full-time attendance and proportionally
23 for part-time attendance by the school district responsible for the provision of a free
24 appropriate public education under subch. V.

1 **SECTION 2053k.** 115.53 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 115.53 (3) (a) and
2 amended to read:

3 115.53 (3) (a) Arrange for otological or ophthalmic examination of any pupil or
4 prospective pupil of the schools Wisconsin School for the Deaf. The examination shall
5 be paid for from the appropriation in s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh) or (gs).

6 **SECTION 2053L.** 115.53 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

7 115.53 (3) (b) Arrange for ophthalmic or otological examination of any pupil or
8 prospective pupil of the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
9 Visually Impaired. The examination shall be paid from the appropriation in s. 20.255
10 (1) (b), (gh), (gL) or (gs).

11 **SECTION 2053m.** 115.53 (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

12 115.53 (4) Apply to the board of directors of the University of Wisconsin
13 Hospitals and Clinics Authority for admission to the University of Wisconsin
14 Hospitals and Clinics of any pupil ~~in~~ at the state schools Wisconsin School for the
15 Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
16 Impaired.

17 (a) The application shall be accompanied by the report of a physician appointed
18 by the ~~appropriate school~~ superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the
19 director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and shall be in
20 the same form as reports of other physicians for admission of patients to such
21 hospital.

22 (b) The net cost of hospital treatment shall be at the rate established under s.
23 233.40 (1) and shall be ~~chargeable to~~ paid from the appropriation ~~for operating the~~
24 patient's school under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the
25 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh).

1 (gL) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the school operated by the Wisconsin Center
2 for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The state superintendent likewise may
3 authorize payment for the expense of transporting patients to and from the hospital.
4 The state superintendent shall make payments for the treatment to the University
5 of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. Funds collected by the state
6 superintendent on account of the hospitalization shall be ~~deposited in~~ credited to the
7 appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) ~~(b)~~ (gh) for the school or center concerned.

8 (5) Arrange for visits by members of the staff of either ~~school~~ the Wisconsin
9 School for the Deaf or the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to
10 other public schools or to families of ~~blind or deaf children~~ or children who are
11 visually impaired, whenever it appears to the state superintendent that such visits
12 will be of advantage to ~~blind or deaf~~ such children.

13 **SECTION 2053p.** 115.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **115.54 Compulsory education.** If it appears, by affidavit, to any circuit
15 judge that any ~~blind or deaf child~~ or child who is visually impaired between the ages
16 of 6 and 21 is deprived of a suitable education by the failure of the person having the
17 care and custody of the child to provide a suitable education, the judge shall order
18 the person to bring the child before the judge. If the material allegations of the
19 affidavit are denied, the judge shall subpoena witnesses and hear testimony. If the
20 allegations are admitted or established, the judge may order the child sent to the
21 ~~school~~ Wisconsin School for the ~~visually handicapped or for the deaf~~ Deaf, the school
22 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or to some
23 class or other school for instruction, but the order shall may not make a direct charge
24 for the class or school against any county.

25 **SECTION 2053q.** 115.55 of the statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 2053r.** 115.58 of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **115.58 Park grounds.** The state superintendent may permit the city of
3 Janesville to use portions of the grounds of the ~~state school for the visually~~
4 ~~handicapped~~ Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Janesville,
5 which abut on the Rock river, for purposes of operating a city park. Any construction
6 on such grounds is subject to prior approval by the state superintendent. Any
7 agreement pursuant hereto shall be cancelable at the option of either party without
8 liability. Any such grounds so used by the city of Janesville shall be supervised by
9 the city and shall be subject to the ordinances of the city of Janesville applicable to
10 city parks.”.

11 **24.** Page 1123, line 7: after that line insert:

12 **“SECTION 2131d.** 121.05 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 121.05 (1) (a) 8. Pupils enrolled in a ~~residential school operated by the state~~ the
14 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the
15 Blind and Visually Impaired under subch. III of ch. 115 for whom the school district
16 is paying tuition under s. 115.53 (2) determined by multiplying the total number of
17 periods in each day in which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school by the
18 total number of days for which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school and
19 dividing the product by 1,080.”.

20 **25.** Page 1127, line 17: after that line insert:

21 **“SECTION 2142m.** 121.54 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 121.54 (3) **TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.** Every school board
23 shall provide transportation for children with disabilities, as defined in s. 115.76 (5),
24 to any public or private elementary or high school, to the ~~Wisconsin school for the~~

1 ~~visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and~~
2 ~~Visually Impaired or the Wisconsin school School for the deaf Deaf~~ or to any special
3 education program for children with disabilities sponsored by a state tax-supported
4 institution of higher education, including a technical college, regardless of distance,
5 if the request for such transportation is approved by the state superintendent.
6 Approval shall be based on whether or not the child can walk to school with safety
7 and comfort. Section 121.53 shall apply to transportation provided under this
8 subsection.”.

9 **26.** Page 1436, line 16: after that line insert:

10 “SECTION 3176m. 940.295 (1) (q) of the statutes is repealed.

11 SECTION 3176n. 940.295 (2) (j) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

12 940.295 (2) (j) The Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 and the
13 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525.”.

14 **27.** Page 1542, line 13: after that line insert:

15 “(2c) TRANSITION PLAN; WISCONSIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

16 The state superintendent of public instruction shall prepare a transition plan that
17 sets forth specific funding and staffing recommendations for the operation of the
18 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and describe the appropriate
19 steps for phasing in the appropriate program modifications. The state
20 superintendent shall consult with the blind and visual impairment education council
21 in the preparation of the plan. The blind and visual impairment education council
22 shall review the plan. The state superintendent shall submit the plan to the
23 governor no later than the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective

1 date of this subsection. The state superintendent shall also simultaneously submit
2 a copy of the plan to the legislature under section 13.172 of the statutes.

3 (2cc) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. Notwithstanding the
4 length of term specified in section 15.377 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by this act,
5 the initial members of the blind and visual impairment education council appointed
6 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 4. and 7. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the
7 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this
8 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as
9 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of
10 the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members appointed under section
11 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring
12 on July 1, 2000; the initial members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 5. and 8.
13 of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
14 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed
15 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the
16 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this
17 act, and one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes,
18 as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2001, and the initial
19 member appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 6. of the statutes, as affected by this
20 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as
21 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of
22 the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
23 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members

1 appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall
2 serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2002.”.

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CAUCUS AMENDMENT

TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133

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1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 1. Page 28, line 6: after that line insert:

3 "SECTION 37j. 15.377 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

4 15.377 (1) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. (a) *Definition*. In
5 this subsection, "visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

6 (b) *Creation*. There is created a blind and visual impairment education council
7 in the department of public instruction.

8 (c) *Members*. The blind and visual impairment education council shall consist
9 of the following members, at least one of whom has been certified by the library of

1 congress as a braille transcriber, appointed by the state superintendent for 3-year
2 terms:

- 3 1. Three parents of children who are visually impaired.
- 4 2. Three persons who are members of an organization affiliated with persons
5 who are visually impaired.
- 6 3. Three licensed teachers, one of whom is a teacher of the visually impaired,
7 one of whom is an orientation and mobility teacher and one of whom is a general
8 education teacher.
- 9 4. One school board member.
- 10 5. One school district administrator.
- 11 6. One school district special education director.
- 12 7. One cooperative educational service agency representative.
- 13 8. One person who has experience in educating the visually impaired or in
14 educating teachers of the visually impaired and is affiliated with an institution of
15 higher education.
- 16 9. Three other members, at least one of whom is visually impaired.”.
- 17 **2.** Page 63, line 2: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and substitute
18 “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.
- 19 **3.** Page 127, line 11: delete “residential schools” and substitute “School for the
20 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.
- 21 **4.** Page 127, line 12: after “costs” insert “; School for the Deaf and Center for
22 the Blind and Visually Impaired”.
- 23 **5.** Page 128, line 1: delete “Residential schools” and substitute “School for the
24 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

1 **6.** Page 128, line 2: after that line insert:

2 “(gh) School for the Deaf and Center

3 for the Blind and Visually

4 Impaired; hospitalization PR C –0– –0–

5 (gL) Center for the Blind and Visu-

6 ally Impaired; leasing of space PR C –0– –0–

7 (gs) School for the Deaf and Center

8 for the Blind and Visually

9 Impaired; services PR C –0– –0–”.

10 **7.** Page 128, line 3: delete “Residential schools” and substitute “School for the
11 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

12 **8.** Page 300, line 19: after that line insert:

13 “**SECTION 250p.** 20.255 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 20.255 (1) (b) *General program operations; ~~residential schools~~ School for the*
15 *Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.* The amounts in the schedule
16 for the operation and maintenance of the Wisconsin ~~schools~~ School for the deaf ~~Deaf~~
17 and the ~~visually handicapped~~ Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired,
18 the matching of federal funds, but not including expenses financed under par. (js).
19 ~~All moneys received in reimbursement for services rendered institutional employes,~~
20 ~~participants in institutes and training programs and visitors at the state schools for~~
21 ~~the deaf and the visually handicapped under s. 115.52 (6), except reimbursements~~
22 ~~credited under par. (je), shall be refunded to the appropriation made by this~~
23 ~~paragraph. Such reimbursements shall be accumulated in an account named~~
24 ~~“maintenance credits”.~~

1 **SECTION 250q.** 20.255 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.255 (1) (c) *Energy costs; School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and*
3 *Visually Impaired.* The amounts in the schedule to be used at the schools Wisconsin
4 School for the deaf Deaf and visually handicapped the Wisconsin Center for the Blind
5 and Visually Impaired to pay for utilities and for fuel, heat and air conditioning, to
6 pay costs incurred by or on behalf of the department under ss. 16.858 and 16.895, and
7 to repay to the energy efficiency fund loans made to the department under s. 16.847
8 (6).

9 **SECTION 250r.** 20.255 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 20.255 (1) (d) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient to reimburse
11 s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the payment of principal and interest costs incurred in financing
12 the acquisition, construction, development, enlargement or improvement of
13 institutional facilities for individuals with hearing impairments ~~and visual~~
14 ~~impairments~~ under s. 115.52, individuals with visual impairments under s. 115.525
15 and reference and loan library facilities under s. 43.05 (11).

16 **SECTION 250s.** 20.255 (1) (gb) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 20.255 (1) (gb) *Residential schools School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind*
18 *and Visually Impaired; nonresident fees.* All moneys received from fees charged
19 nonresident pupils ~~under s. 115.52 (3)~~ for services provided at the ~~residential schools~~
20 Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (3) and for services provided by the
21 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (3) (a) 3.

22 **SECTION 250t.** 20.255 (1) (gh) of the statutes is created to read:

23 20.255 (1) (gh) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
24 *Impaired; hospitalization.* All moneys received on account of hospitalization under

1 s. 115.53 (4) for the operation of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf and the Wisconsin
2 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

3 **SECTION 250u.** 20.255 (1) (gL) of the statutes is created to read:

4 20.255 (1) (gL) *Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; leasing of space.*

5 All moneys received from leasing space at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
6 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (6) for the operation and maintenance of the
7 center.

8 **SECTION 250v.** 20.255 (1) (gs) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.255 (1) (gs) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
10 *Impaired; services.* All moneys received from services provided at the Wisconsin
11 School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (6) and at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
12 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (5) for the operation and maintenance of the
13 school and the center.

14 **SECTION 250w.** 20.255 (1) (gt) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 20.255 (1) (gt) ~~Residential schools~~ School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind
16 and Visually Impaired; pupil transportation. The amounts in the schedule for the
17 weekend transportation of pupils enrolled in the ~~residential schools under subch. III~~
18 ~~of ch. 115~~ Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 or the school operated by the
19 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 to and from
20 their homes. All moneys received under s. 115.53 (6) shall be credited to this
21 appropriation.”.

22 **9.** Page 411, line 18: after that line insert:

23 **“SECTION 641p.** 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) *Public instruction; state schools school, state center and*
2 *library facilities.*”.

3 **10.** Page 518, line 12: after that line insert:

4 “**SECTION 912h.** 39.41 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 39.41 (1) (bm) “Senior” means a pupil enrolled in the 12th grade in a public or
6 private high school, the Wisconsin ~~school~~ School for the deaf and Deaf or the
7 ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin~~
8 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

9 **SECTION 912g.** 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. For the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school~~
11 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, designate the
12 senior with the highest grade point average in all subjects as a scholar.”.

13 **11.** Page 520, line 9: after that line insert:

14 “**SECTION 913mv.** 39.41 (1m) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 39.41 (1m) (f) If 2 or more seniors from the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually~~
16 handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
17 Impaired have the same grade point average and, except for the limitation of one
18 designated senior, are otherwise eligible for designation under par. (c) 1., the
19 executive secretary shall make the designation under par. (c) 1. of the senior who may
20 be eligible for a higher education scholarship as a scholar and, if that senior does not
21 qualify for a higher education scholarship under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a), shall designate
22 one or more of the remaining seniors with the same grade point average as eligible
23 for a higher education scholarship as a scholar under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a) until the
24 scholarship may be awarded by the board.”.

1 **12.** Page 541, line 19: delete “School for the Visually” and substitute “Center
2 for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

3 **13.** Page 541, line 20: delete “Handicapped”.

4 **14.** Page 555, line 25: after that line insert:

5 “**SECTION 999p.** 46.041 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 46.041 (1) (a) Provide for the temporary residence and evaluation of children
7 referred from courts assigned to exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, the
8 institutions and services under the jurisdiction of the department, University of
9 Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority, county departments under s. 46.215,
10 46.22 or 46.23, private child welfare agencies, ~~schools~~ the Wisconsin School for the
11 ~~deaf and visually handicapped,~~ Deaf, the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
12 Visually Impaired and mental health facilities within the state at the discretion of
13 the ~~superintendent~~ director of the institution providing services under this section.”.

14 **15.** Page 717, line 24: delete the material beginning with “School for” and
15 ending with “Handicapped” on line 25 and substitute “Center for the Blind and
16 Visually Impaired”.

17 **16.** Page 718, line 9: delete that line and substitute “behalf of the Wisconsin
18 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Wisconsin”.

19 **17.** Page 718, line 14: delete that line and substitute “pars. (b) and (c) to the
20 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the”.

21 **18.** Page 718, line 22: delete that line and substitute “administrative costs.
22 If the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

1 **19.** Page 719, line 1: delete that line and substitute “medical services that the
2 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

3 **20.** Page 719, line 8: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and
4 substitute “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

5 **21.** Page 1094, line 22: after that line insert:

6 **“SECTION 2042g.** 115.31 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 115.31 (1) (b) “Educational agency” means a school district, cooperative
8 educational service agency, state correctional institution under s. 302.01, secured
9 correctional facility, as defined in s. 938.02 (15m), secured child caring institution,
10 as defined in s. 938.02 (15g), the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped~~
11 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the ~~Wisconsin school~~ School
12 for the deaf Deaf, the Mendota mental health institute, the Winnebago mental health
13 institute, a state center for the developmentally disabled, a private school or a
14 private, nonprofit, nonsectarian agency under contract with a school board under s.
15 118.153 (3) (c).”.

16 **22.** Page 1096, line 8: after that line insert:

17 **“SECTION 2047g.** 115.37 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

18 **115.37 Blind and visual impairment education council.** (1) In this
19 section:

20 (a) “Council” means the blind and visual impairment education council.

21 (b) “Visually impaired” has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

22 (2) The state superintendent shall seek the advice of and consult with the
23 council on issues related to persons who are visually impaired. The state

1 superintendent and the director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
2 Impaired, or their designees, shall attend meetings of the council.

3 (3) The council shall do all of the following:

4 (a) Meet at least twice each year.

5 (b) Advise the state superintendent on such statewide services, activities,
6 programs, investigations and research as in its judgment will benefit pupils who are
7 visually impaired.

8 (c) Make recommendations for the improvement of services provided by the
9 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

10 (d) Review the level and quality of services available to pupils in the state who
11 are visually impaired and make recommendations about those services.

12 (e) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve the preparation of
13 teachers and other staff who provide services to pupils who are visually impaired.

14 (f) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve coordination between
15 the department and other agencies in providing services to persons who are visually
16 impaired.

17 (4) The council may initiate consultations with the department.

18 (5) The council shall have access to public files, public records and statistics
19 kept in the department that relate to matters concerning children who are visually
20 impaired.”.

21 **23.** Page 1097, line 2: after that line insert:

22 “SECTION 2053b. Subchapter III (title) of chapter 115 [precedes 115.51] of the
23 statutes is amended to read:

24 **CHAPTER 115**

SUBCHAPTER III

STATE SCHOOLS SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF AND STATE CENTER FOR THE
BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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5 **SECTION 2053c.** 115.51 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 2053d.** 115.51 (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

7 115.51 (3) "Local educational agency" has the meaning given in s. 115.76 (10).

8 (4) "Visually impaired" means loss of vision or blindness as described in the
9 rule promulgated by the state superintendent to define "visual impairments" for the
10 purposes of s. 115.76 (5) (a) 4.

11 **SECTION 2053f.** 115.52 of the statutes is amended to read:

12 **115.52 Wisconsin schools School for the visually handicapped and the**
13 **deaf Deaf.** (1) The object of the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped and~~
14 ~~the Wisconsin school School for the deaf Deaf~~ is to afford persons with visual
15 ~~impairments and persons~~ with hearing impairments a practical education and
16 physical rehabilitation which may aid them to make a living, discharge their duties
17 as citizens and secure to them all possible happiness.

18 (2) The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the ~~school for the~~
19 ~~visually handicapped and the school School for the deaf Deaf.~~ The state
20 superintendent may fix the period of the school year at the ~~schools school~~ at not less
21 than 38 weeks, prescribe the school terms and confer diplomas upon meritorious
22 pupils who have completed the prescribed curricula.

23 (3) All the ~~blind and the deaf~~ residents of this state 6 to 20 years old, and for
24 the duration of a school term all the ~~blind or deaf~~ residents of this state who become
25 21 years old during that school term, who are capable of receiving instruction shall

1 be received and taught in the schools School for the Deaf free of charge. Like
2 nonresident pupils also may be received upon payment in advance of the fees fixed
3 by the state superintendent at an amount not less than \$75 per month, but no
4 nonresident shall be received to the exclusion of a resident pupil. The state
5 superintendent also may admit pupils who are 21 years of age or older prior to the
6 beginning of a school term upon the payment of fees fixed by the superintendent and
7 upon the recommendation of the secretary of health and family services, the director
8 of the technical college system or the superintendent of the school to which the pupil
9 will be assigned School for the Deaf. All pupils shall equally and freely enjoy the
10 benefits and privileges of the schools school and have the use of the library and books
11 of instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination. The
12 schools school may provide transportation for resident pupils.

13 (5) The state superintendent may grant approval for the maintenance of a
14 summer school at the school School for the deaf Deaf whenever it will be to the
15 advantage of persons with hearing impairments and ~~may grant approval for the~~
16 ~~maintenance of a summer school at the school for the visually handicapped whenever~~
17 ~~it will be to the advantage of children with visual impairments. There shall be a~~
18 ~~summer school each year at the school for the visually handicapped for adults with~~
19 ~~visual impairments.~~

20 (6) The state superintendent may make charges for meals, living quarters,
21 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the schools School for the Deaf
22 and their families. The state superintendent also may make charges for services
23 furnished to visitors at the schools school and participants in training programs and
24 institutes.

1 (7) The Wisconsin ~~school~~ School for the deaf Deaf may provide instruction for
2 preschool children with hearing impairments and their parents. ~~The Wisconsin~~
3 ~~school for the visually handicapped may provide instruction for preschool children~~
4 ~~with visual impairments and their parents.~~ Such instruction or treatment shall be
5 subject to the approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the
6 department.

7 **SECTION 2053h.** 115.525 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **115.525 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. (1)**

9 **DEFINITION.** In this section, "center" means the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
10 Visually Impaired.

11 **(1m) PURPOSE.** The purpose of the center is to serve as a statewide educational
12 resource relating to visual impairments to benefit all Wisconsin children who are
13 visually impaired.

14 **(2) GOVERNANCE.** The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the
15 center. The state superintendent shall appoint an individual who has training and
16 experience in educating pupils who are visually impaired to serve as the director of
17 the center.

18 **(3) SERVICES.** The center shall provide services that benefit children
19 throughout the state who are visually impaired.

20 **(a) School. 1. 'Residents 3 to 20 years old.'** The center shall operate a school
21 at which any resident of this state 3 to 20 years old who is visually impaired, and for
22 the duration of a school term any resident of this state who is visually impaired and
23 becomes 21 years old during that school term, shall be received and taught free of
24 charge if the individualized education program for the resident under s. 115.787 and

1 the educational placement under s. 115.79 specify the school operated by the center
2 as the appropriate placement.

3 2. 'Residents 21 years old or older.' The state superintendent may admit to the
4 school operated by the center a resident of the state who is visually impaired and is
5 21 years of age or older prior to the beginning of a school term upon the payment of
6 fees fixed by the state superintendent and upon the recommendation of the secretary
7 of health and family services, the director of the technical college system or the
8 director of the center.

9 3. 'Nonresidents.' A nonresident of this state, who is visually impaired, who
10 either is 3 to 20 years old or becomes 21 years old during a school term, whose
11 individualized education program under 20 USC 1414 (d) and educational placement
12 specify the school operated by the center as the appropriate placement and who is
13 capable of receiving instruction may be received at the school upon payment in
14 advance of the fees fixed by the state superintendent, but no nonresident may be
15 received to the exclusion of a resident pupil.

16 4. 'Pupil use of residential facilities.' Except as provided in sub. (4), the director
17 of the center shall make the residential facilities at the center available to all pupils
18 received at the school operated by the center.

19 5. 'School term.' The state superintendent shall fix the period of the school term
20 at the school operated by the center at not less than 38 weeks, prescribe the school
21 sessions and confer diplomas upon meritorious pupils who have completed the
22 prescribed curriculum. Pursuant to a pupil's individualized education program
23 under s. 115.787, a pupil may be placed at the school for less than a school term.

24 6. 'Transportation.' The center may provide transportation for resident pupils
25 at the school operated by the center.

1 (b) *Other statewide services.* The center may do any of the following:

2 1. Provide testing, evaluation and assessment services to assist local
3 educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies and county children
4 with disabilities education boards.

5 2. Provide technical assistance and consultation services to entities such as
6 local educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies, county children
7 with disabilities education boards and private schools.

8 3. Develop and disseminate curriculum and instructional materials.

9 4. Provide inservice and other training to teachers and other staff serving
10 pupils who are visually impaired.

11 5. Provide training, technical assistance and consultation services for parents
12 of children who are visually impaired and for professionals who work with children
13 who are visually impaired.

14 6. Provide materials in braille, large print and other appropriate formats to
15 children who are visually impaired.

16 7. Train teachers and braillists about braille codes and formats used by
17 individuals who are visually impaired.

18 8. Loan books and other materials from the library described in par. (c) 2.

19 9. Serve as a clearinghouse for information about children who are visually
20 impaired, including information related to library resources, adapted materials and
21 current research.

22 10. Assist in providing assistive technology services, as defined in s. 115.76 (2),
23 for pupils who are visually impaired.

1 11. Lend, rent or lease technological materials and assistive technology
2 devices, as defined in s. 115.76 (1), to local educational agencies, cooperative
3 educational service agencies and county children with disabilities education boards.

4 12. Facilitate the preparation of teachers of pupils who are visually impaired
5 by providing assistance to teacher preparation programs.

6 13. Coordinate and collaborate with public and private agencies and
7 organizations that provide services to individuals who are visually impaired,
8 including the development of employment skills and opportunities.

9 14. Provide other statewide services that relate to the education of children who
10 are visually impaired.

11 (c) *Additional services.* 1. 'Birth to 2 services.' The center may provide
12 instruction or services, or both, for children who are under the age of 2 and are
13 visually impaired and their parents. The instruction or services are subject to the
14 approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the department.

15 2. 'Library.' Embossed, clear type or large type books acquired by the center
16 constitute a circulating collection for persons who are visually impaired. The
17 collection shall be kept at the center and be under the supervision of its director. All
18 school age children of the state who are visually impaired may use such books upon
19 compliance with criteria established by the director of the center and approved by
20 the state superintendent.

21 3. 'Summer programs.' The center shall provide summer programs each year
22 for children who are visually impaired.

23 4. 'Adult summer program.' The center shall provide a summer program each
24 year for adults who are visually impaired. The state superintendent may contract
25 with other entities to provide this program.

1 5. 'Independent living skills.' With the approval of the state superintendent,
2 the center may use state-owned housing on the grounds of the center in Janesville
3 as a facility in which individuals receive instruction in and practice independent
4 living skills.

5 (d) *Provision of services.* In addition to providing services at the center's facility
6 in Janesville, the center may provide services at any location in the state and may
7 operate regional satellite facilities throughout the state to provide services.

8 (4) **NONDISCRIMINATION.** All pupils at the center may equally and freely enjoy
9 the benefits and privileges of the center, have the use of the library and books of
10 instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination, except
11 that the director of the center may determine that board, lodging and laundry may
12 not be provided to an individual because appropriate services are not available for
13 that individual at the center's residential facilities.

14 (5) **CHARGES.** The state superintendent may charge for meals, living quarters,
15 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the center and their families.
16 The state superintendent may charge for services furnished to visitors at the center
17 and participants in training programs and institutes.

18 (6) **LEASING OF SPACE.** The state superintendent may lease space at the center
19 in Janesville that is not required by the center to any person if the state
20 superintendent determines that the use will not be inconsistent with the operation
21 of the center.

22 (7) **AUDIT.** In the 2002-03 fiscal year, the legislative audit bureau shall perform
23 a performance evaluation audit of the center. The bureau shall submit copies of the
24 audit report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the
25 appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) by June 30, 2003.

1 **SECTION 2053j.** 115.53 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **115.53 (2)** Arrange for vocational, trade or academic training for any pupil in
3 either ~~state school~~ the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
4 Visually Impaired or the Wisconsin School for the Deaf qualified to take such
5 training advantageously, in either a public school or technical college or a private
6 business establishment in Janesville or Delavan. The public school and the technical
7 college shall be paid the regular tuition for full-time attendance and proportionally
8 for part-time attendance by the school district responsible for the provision of a free
9 appropriate public education under subch. V.

10 **SECTION 2053k.** 115.53 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 115.53 (3) (a) and
11 amended to read:

12 **115.53 (3) (a)** Arrange for otological or ophthalmic examination of any pupil or
13 prospective pupil of the ~~schools~~ Wisconsin School for the Deaf. The examination shall
14 be paid for from the appropriation in s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh) or (gs).

15 **SECTION 2053L.** 115.53 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

16 **115.53 (3) (b)** Arrange for ophthalmic or otological examination of any pupil or
17 prospective pupil of the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
18 Visually Impaired. The examination shall be paid from the appropriation in s. 20.255
19 (1) (b), (gh), (gL) or (gs).

20 **SECTION 2053m.** 115.53 (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

21 **115.53 (4)** Apply to the board of directors of the University of Wisconsin
22 Hospitals and Clinics Authority for admission to the University of Wisconsin
23 Hospitals and Clinics of any pupil ~~in at the state schools~~ Wisconsin School for the
24 Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
25 Impaired.

1 (a) The application shall be accompanied by the report of a physician appointed
2 by the appropriate school superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the
3 director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and shall be in
4 the same form as reports of other physicians for admission of patients to such
5 hospital.

6 (b) The net cost of hospital treatment shall be at the rate established under s.
7 233.40 (1) and shall be chargeable to paid from the appropriation for operating the
8 patient's school under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the
9 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh),
10 (gL) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the school operated by the Wisconsin Center
11 for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The state superintendent likewise may
12 authorize payment for the expense of transporting patients to and from the hospital.
13 The state superintendent shall make payments for the treatment to the University
14 of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. Funds collected by the state
15 superintendent on account of the hospitalization shall be ~~deposited in~~ credited to the
16 appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) ~~(b)~~ (gh) for the school or center concerned.

17 (5) Arrange for visits by members of the staff of either school the Wisconsin
18 School for the Deaf or the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to
19 other public schools or to families of ~~blind or deaf children~~ or children who are
20 visually impaired, whenever it appears to the state superintendent that such visits
21 will be of advantage to ~~blind or deaf~~ such children.

22 **SECTION 2053p.** 115.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **115.54 Compulsory education.** If it appears, by affidavit, to any circuit
24 judge that any ~~blind or deaf child~~ or child who is visually impaired between the ages
25 of 6 and 21 is deprived of a suitable education by the failure of the person having the

1 care and custody of the child to provide a suitable education, the judge shall order
2 the person to bring the child before the judge. If the material allegations of the
3 affidavit are denied, the judge shall subpoena witnesses and hear testimony. If the
4 allegations are admitted or established, the judge may order the child sent to the
5 school Wisconsin School for the visually handicapped or for the deaf Deaf, the school
6 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or to some
7 class or other school for instruction, but the order ~~shall~~ may not make a direct charge
8 for the class or school against any county.

9 **SECTION 2053q.** 115.55 of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 2053r.** 115.58 of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **115.58 Park grounds.** The state superintendent may permit the city of
12 Janesville to use portions of the grounds of the ~~state school for the visually~~
13 ~~handicapped~~ Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Janesville,
14 which abut on the Rock river, for purposes of operating a city park. Any construction
15 on such grounds is subject to prior approval by the state superintendent. Any
16 agreement pursuant hereto shall be cancelable at the option of either party without
17 liability. Any such grounds so used by the city of Janesville shall be supervised by
18 the city and shall be subject to the ordinances of the city of Janesville applicable to
19 city parks.”.

20 **24.** Page 1123, line 7: after that line insert:

21 **“SECTION 2131d.** 121.05 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 121.05 (1) (a) 8. Pupils enrolled in ~~a residential school operated by the state the~~
23 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the
24 Blind and Visually Impaired under subch. III of ch. 115 for whom the school district

1 is paying tuition under s. 115.53 (2) determined by multiplying the total number of
2 periods in each day in which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school by the
3 total number of days for which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school and
4 dividing the product by 1,080.”.

5 **25.** Page 1127, line 17: after that line insert:

6 **“SECTION 2142m.** 121.54 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 121.54 (3) TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. Every school board
8 shall provide transportation for children with disabilities, as defined in s. 115.76 (5),
9 to any public or private elementary or high school, to the ~~Wisconsin school for the~~
10 ~~visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and~~
11 ~~Visually Impaired~~ or the Wisconsin ~~school~~ School for the deaf ~~Deaf~~ or to any special
12 education program for children with disabilities sponsored by a state tax-supported
13 institution of higher education, including a technical college, regardless of distance,
14 if the request for such transportation is approved by the state superintendent.
15 Approval shall be based on whether or not the child can walk to school with safety
16 and comfort. Section 121.53 shall apply to transportation provided under this
17 subsection.”.

18 **26.** Page 1436, line 16: after that line insert:

19 **“SECTION 3176m.** 940.295 (1) (q) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 3176n.** 940.295 (2) (j) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

21 940.295 (2) (j) The Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 and the
22 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525.”.

23 **27.** Page 1542, line 13: after that line insert:

in the manner provided

1 “(2c) TRANSITION PLAN; WISCONSIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.
 2 The state superintendent of public instruction shall prepare a transition plan that
 3 sets forth specific funding and staffing recommendations for the operation of the
 4 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and describe the appropriate
 5 steps for phasing in the appropriate program modifications. The state
 6 superintendent shall consult with the blind and visual impairment education council
 7 in the preparation of the plan. The blind and visual impairment education council
 8 shall review the plan. The state superintendent shall submit the plan to the
 9 governor no later than the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective
 10 date of this subsection. The state superintendent shall also simultaneously submit
 11 a copy of the plan to the legislature under section 13.172 of the statutes. (2)

12 (2cc) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. Notwithstanding the
 13 length of term specified in section 15.377 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by this act,
 14 the initial members of the blind and visual impairment education council appointed
 15 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 4. and 7. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the
 16 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this
 17 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as
 18 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of
 19 the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members appointed under section
 20 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring
 21 on July 1, 2000; the initial members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 5. and 8.
 22 of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
 23 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed
 24 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the
 25 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this

1 act, and one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes,
2 as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2001, and the initial
3 member appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 6. of the statutes, as affected by this
4 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as
5 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of
6 the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
7 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members
8 appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall
9 serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2002.”.

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FOR 1999-01 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

CAUCUS AMENDMENT

TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 28, line 6: after that line insert:

3 **"SECTION 37j.** 15.377 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

4 15.377 (1) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. (a) *Definition.* In
5 this subsection, "visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

6 (b) *Creation.* There is created a blind and visual impairment education council
7 in the department of public instruction.

8 (c) *Members.* The blind and visual impairment education council shall consist
9 of the following members, at least one of whom has been certified by the library of

1 congress as a braille transcriber, appointed by the state superintendent for 3-year
2 terms:

3 1. Three parents of children who are visually impaired.

4 2. Three persons who are members of an organization affiliated with persons
5 who are visually impaired.

6 3. Three licensed teachers, one of whom is a teacher of the visually impaired,
7 one of whom is an orientation and mobility teacher and one of whom is a general
8 education teacher.

9 4. One school board member.

10 5. One school district administrator.

11 6. One school district special education director.

12 7. One cooperative educational service agency representative.

13 8. One person who has experience in educating the visually impaired or in
14 educating teachers of the visually impaired and is affiliated with an institution of
15 higher education.

16 9. Three other members, at least one of whom is visually impaired.”.

17 **2.** Page 63, line 2: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and substitute
18 “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

19 **3.** Page 127, line 11: delete “residential schools” and substitute “School for the
20 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

21 **4.** Page 127, line 12: after “costs” insert “; School for the Deaf and Center for
22 the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

23 **5.** Page 128, line 1: delete “Residential schools” and substitute “School for the
24 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

- 1 **6.** Page 128, line 2: after that line insert:
- 2 “(gh) School for the Deaf and Center
- 3 for the Blind and Visually
- 4 Impaired; hospitalization PR C -0- -0-
- 5 (gL) Center for the Blind and Visu-
- 6 ally Impaired; leasing of space PR C -0- -0-
- 7 (gs) School for the Deaf and Center
- 8 for the Blind and Visually
- 9 Impaired; services PR C -0- -0-”.

10 **7.** Page 128, line 3: delete “Residential schools” and substitute “School for the

11 Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

12 **8.** Page 300, line 19: after that line insert:

13 “**SECTION 250p.** 20.255 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 20.255 (1) (b) *General program operations; ~~residential schools~~ School for the*

15 *Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.* The amounts in the schedule

16 for the operation and maintenance of the Wisconsin ~~schools~~ School for the deaf Deaf

17 and the visually handicapped Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired,

18 the matching of federal funds, but not including expenses financed under par. (js).

19 ~~All moneys received in reimbursement for services rendered institutional employes,~~

20 ~~participants in institutes and training programs and visitors at the state schools for~~

21 ~~the deaf and the visually handicapped under s. 115.52 (6), except reimbursements~~

22 ~~credited under par. (js), shall be refunded to the appropriation made by this~~

23 ~~paragraph. Such reimbursements shall be accumulated in an account named~~

24 ~~“maintenance credits”.~~

1 **SECTION 250q.** 20.255 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.255 (1) (c) *Energy costs; School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and*
3 *Visually Impaired.* The amounts in the schedule to be used at the schools Wisconsin
4 School for the deaf Deaf and visually handicapped the Wisconsin Center for the Blind
5 and Visually Impaired to pay for utilities and for fuel, heat and air conditioning, to
6 pay costs incurred by or on behalf of the department under ss. 16.858 and 16.895, and
7 to repay to the energy efficiency fund loans made to the department under s. 16.847
8 (6).

9 **SECTION 250r.** 20.255 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 20.255 (1) (d) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient to reimburse
11 s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the payment of principal and interest costs incurred in financing
12 the acquisition, construction, development, enlargement or improvement of
13 institutional facilities for individuals with hearing impairments ~~and visual~~
14 ~~impairments~~ under s. 115.52, individuals with visual impairments under s. 115.525
15 and reference and loan library facilities under s. 43.05 (11).

16 **SECTION 250s.** 20.255 (1) (gb) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 20.255 (1) (gb) *Residential schools School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind*
18 *and Visually Impaired; nonresident fees.* All moneys received from fees charged
19 nonresident pupils ~~under s. 115.52 (3)~~ for services provided at the residential schools
20 Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (3) and for services provided by the
21 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (3) (a) 3.

22 **SECTION 250t.** 20.255 (1) (gh) of the statutes is created to read:

23 20.255 (1) (gh) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
24 *Impaired; hospitalization.* All moneys received on account of hospitalization under

1 s. 115.53 (4) for the operation of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf and the Wisconsin
2 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

3 **SECTION 250u.** 20.255 (1) (gL) of the statutes is created to read:

4 20.255 (1) (gL) *Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired; leasing of space.*

5 All moneys received from leasing space at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
6 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (6) for the operation and maintenance of the
7 center.

8 **SECTION 250v.** 20.255 (1) (gs) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.255 (1) (gs) *School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind and Visually*
10 *Impaired; services.* All moneys received from services provided at the Wisconsin
11 School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 (6) and at the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
12 Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 (5) for the operation and maintenance of the
13 school and the center.

14 **SECTION 250w.** 20.255 (1) (gt) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 20.255 (1) (gt) *Residential schools* School for the Deaf and Center for the Blind
16 and Visually Impaired; pupil transportation. The amounts in the schedule for the
17 weekend transportation of pupils enrolled in the ~~residential schools under subch. III~~
18 ~~of ch. 115~~ Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 or the school operated by the
19 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525 to and from
20 their homes. All moneys received under s. 115.53 (6) shall be credited to this
21 appropriation.”.

22 **9.** Page 411, line 18: after that line insert:

23 **SECTION 641p.** 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 20.866 (2) (zh) (title) *Public instruction; state schools ~~school, state center and~~*
2 *library facilities.*”.

3 **10.** Page 518, line 12: after that line insert:

4 “**SECTION 912h.** 39.41 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 39.41 (1) (bm) “Senior” means a pupil enrolled in the 12th grade in a public or
6 private high school, the Wisconsin school School for the deaf and Deaf or the
7 Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin
8 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

9 **SECTION 912g.** 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

10 39.41 (1m) (c) 1. For the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped school~~
11 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, designate the
12 senior with the highest grade point average in all subjects as a scholar.”.

13 **11.** Page 520, line 9: after that line insert:

14 “**SECTION 913mv.** 39.41 (1m) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 39.41 (1m) (f) If 2 or more seniors from the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually~~
16 handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
17 Impaired have the same grade point average and, except for the limitation of one
18 designated senior, are otherwise eligible for designation under par. (c) 1., the
19 executive secretary shall make the designation under par. (c) 1. of the senior who may
20 be eligible for a higher education scholarship as a scholar and, if that senior does not
21 qualify for a higher education scholarship under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a), shall designate
22 one or more of the remaining seniors with the same grade point average as eligible
23 for a higher education scholarship as a scholar under sub. (2) (a) or (3) (a) until the
24 scholarship may be awarded by the board.”.

1 **12.** Page 541, line 19: delete “School for the Visually” and substitute “Center
2 for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

3 **13.** Page 541, line 20: delete “Handicapped”.

4 **14.** Page 555, line 25: after that line insert:

5 **“SECTION 999p.** 46.041 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 46.041 (1) (a) Provide for the temporary residence and evaluation of children
7 referred from courts assigned to exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, the
8 institutions and services under the jurisdiction of the department, University of
9 Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority, county departments under s. 46.215,
10 46.22 or 46.23, private child welfare agencies, schools the Wisconsin School for the
11 ~~deaf and visually handicapped, Deaf, the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and~~
12 Visually Impaired and mental health facilities within the state at the discretion of
13 the ~~superintendent~~ director of the institution providing services under this section.”.

14 **15.** Page 717, line 24: delete the material beginning with “School for” and
15 ending with “Handicapped” on line 25 and substitute “Center for the Blind and
16 Visually Impaired”.

17 **16.** Page 718, line 9: delete that line and substitute “behalf of the Wisconsin
18 Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Wisconsin”.

19 **17.** Page 718, line 14: delete that line and substitute “pars. (b) and (c) to the
20 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the”.

21 **18.** Page 718, line 22: delete that line and substitute “administrative costs.
22 If the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

1 **19.** Page 719, line 1: delete that line and substitute “medical services that the
2 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the”.

3 **20.** Page 719, line 8: delete “School for the Visually Handicapped” and
4 substitute “Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired”.

5 **21.** Page 1094, line 22: after that line insert:

6 “**SECTION 2042g.** 115.31 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 115.31 (1) (b) “Educational agency” means a school district, cooperative
8 educational service agency, state correctional institution under s. 302.01, secured
9 correctional facility, as defined in s. 938.02 (15m), secured child caring institution,
10 as defined in s. 938.02 (15g), the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped~~
11 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Wisconsin school School
12 for the deaf Deaf, the Mendota mental health institute, the Winnebago mental health
13 institute, a state center for the developmentally disabled, a private school or a
14 private, nonprofit, nonsectarian agency under contract with a school board under s.
15 118.153 (3) (c).”.

16 **22.** Page 1096, line 8: after that line insert:

17 “**SECTION 2047g.** 115.37 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

18 **115.37 Blind and visual impairment education council.** (1) In this
19 section:

20 (a) “Council” means the blind and visual impairment education council.

21 (b) “Visually impaired” has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

22 (2) The state superintendent shall seek the advice of and consult with the
23 council on issues related to persons who are visually impaired. The state

1 superintendent and the director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
2 Impaired, or their designees, shall attend meetings of the council.

3 (3) The council shall do all of the following:

4 (a) Meet at least twice each year.

5 (b) Advise the state superintendent on such statewide services, activities,
6 programs, investigations and research as in its judgment will benefit pupils who are
7 visually impaired.

8 (c) Make recommendations for the improvement of services provided by the
9 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

10 (d) Review the level and quality of services available to pupils in the state who
11 are visually impaired and make recommendations about those services.

12 (e) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve the preparation of
13 teachers and other staff who provide services to pupils who are visually impaired.

14 (f) Propose to the state superintendent ways to improve coordination between
15 the department and other agencies in providing services to persons who are visually
16 impaired.

17 (4) The council may initiate consultations with the department.

18 (5) The council shall have access to public files, public records and statistics
19 kept in the department that relate to matters concerning children who are visually
20 impaired.”.

21 **23.** Page 1097, line 2: after that line insert:

22 “SECTION 2053b. Subchapter III (title) of chapter 115 [precedes 115.51] of the
23 statutes is amended to read:

24

CHAPTER 115

SUBCHAPTER III

STATE SCHOOLS SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF AND STATE CENTER FOR THE
BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

SECTION 2053c. 115.51 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2053d. 115.51 (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

115.51 (3) “Local educational agency” has the meaning given in s. 115.76 (10).

(4) “Visually impaired” means loss of vision or blindness as described in the rule promulgated by the state superintendent to define “visual impairments” for the purposes of s. 115.76 (5) (a) 4.

SECTION 2053f. 115.52 of the statutes is amended to read:

115.52 Wisconsin schools School for the visually handicapped and the deaf Deaf. (1) The object of the ~~Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped and the Wisconsin school~~ School for the deaf Deaf is to afford persons with visual impairments and persons with hearing impairments a practical education and physical rehabilitation which may aid them to make a living, discharge their duties as citizens and secure to them all possible happiness.

(2) The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the ~~school for the visually handicapped and the school~~ School for the deaf Deaf. The state superintendent may fix the period of the school year at the ~~schools school~~ at not less than 38 weeks, prescribe the school terms and confer diplomas upon meritorious pupils who have completed the prescribed curricula.

(3) All the ~~blind and the deaf~~ residents of this state 6 to 20 years old, and for the duration of a school term all the ~~blind or deaf~~ residents of this state who become 21 years old during that school term, who are capable of receiving instruction shall

1 be received and taught in the ~~schools~~ School for the Deaf free of charge. Like
2 nonresident pupils also may be received upon payment in advance of the fees fixed
3 by the state superintendent at an amount not less than \$75 per month, but no
4 nonresident shall be received to the exclusion of a resident pupil. The state
5 superintendent also may admit pupils who are 21 years of age or older prior to the
6 beginning of a school term upon the payment of fees fixed by the superintendent and
7 upon the recommendation of the secretary of health and family services, the director
8 of the technical college system or the superintendent of the ~~school to which the pupil~~
9 ~~will be assigned~~ School for the Deaf. All pupils shall equally and freely enjoy the
10 benefits and privileges of the ~~schools~~ school and have the use of the library and books
11 of instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination. The
12 ~~schools~~ school may provide transportation for resident pupils.

13 (5) The state superintendent may grant approval for the maintenance of a
14 summer school at the ~~school~~ School for the deaf Deaf whenever it will be to the
15 advantage of persons with hearing impairments ~~and may grant approval for the~~
16 ~~maintenance of a summer school at the school for the visually handicapped whenever~~
17 ~~it will be to the advantage of children with visual impairments. There shall be a~~
18 ~~summer school each year at the school for the visually handicapped for adults with~~
19 ~~visual impairments.~~

20 (6) The state superintendent may make charges for meals, living quarters,
21 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the ~~schools~~ School for the Deaf
22 and their families. The state superintendent also may make charges for services
23 furnished to visitors at the ~~schools~~ school and participants in training programs and
24 institutes.

1 (7) The Wisconsin ~~school~~ School for the deaf Deaf may provide instruction for
2 preschool children with hearing impairments and their parents. ~~The Wisconsin~~
3 ~~school for the visually handicapped may provide instruction for preschool children~~
4 ~~with visual impairments and their parents.~~ Such instruction or treatment shall be
5 subject to the approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the
6 department.

7 **SECTION 2053h.** 115.525 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **115.525 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.** (1)

9 DEFINITION. In this section, “center” means the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
10 Visually Impaired.

11 (1m) PURPOSE. The purpose of the center is to serve as a statewide educational
12 resource relating to visual impairments to benefit all Wisconsin children who are
13 visually impaired.

14 (2) GOVERNANCE. The state superintendent shall maintain and govern the
15 center. The state superintendent shall appoint an individual who has training and
16 experience in educating pupils who are visually impaired to serve as the director of
17 the center.

18 (3) SERVICES. The center shall provide services that benefit children
19 throughout the state who are visually impaired.

20 (a) *School.* 1. ‘Residents 3 to 20 years old.’ The center shall operate a school
21 at which any resident of this state 3 to 20 years old who is visually impaired, and for
22 the duration of a school term any resident of this state who is visually impaired and
23 becomes 21 years old during that school term, shall be received and taught free of
24 charge if the individualized education program for the resident under s. 115.787 and

1 the educational placement under s. 115.79 specify the school operated by the center
2 as the appropriate placement.

3 2. 'Residents 21 years old or older.' The state superintendent may admit to the
4 school operated by the center a resident of the state who is visually impaired and is
5 21 years of age or older prior to the beginning of a school term upon the payment of
6 fees fixed by the state superintendent and upon the recommendation of the secretary
7 of health and family services, the director of the technical college system or the
8 director of the center.

9 3. 'Nonresidents.' A nonresident of this state, who is visually impaired, who
10 either is 3 to 20 years old or becomes 21 years old during a school term, whose
11 individualized education program under 20 USC 1414 (d) and educational placement
12 specify the school operated by the center as the appropriate placement and who is
13 capable of receiving instruction may be received at the school upon payment in
14 advance of the fees fixed by the state superintendent, but no nonresident may be
15 received to the exclusion of a resident pupil.

16 4. 'Pupil use of residential facilities.' Except as provided in sub. (4), the director
17 of the center shall make the residential facilities at the center available to all pupils
18 received at the school operated by the center.

19 5. 'School term.' The state superintendent shall fix the period of the school term
20 at the school operated by the center at not less than 38 weeks, prescribe the school
21 sessions and confer diplomas upon meritorious pupils who have completed the
22 prescribed curriculum. Pursuant to a pupil's individualized education program
23 under s. 115.787, a pupil may be placed at the school for less than a school term.

24 6. 'Transportation.' The center may provide transportation for resident pupils
25 at the school operated by the center.

- 1 (b) *Other statewide services.* The center may do any of the following:
- 2 1. Provide testing, evaluation and assessment services to assist local
3 educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies and county children
4 with disabilities education boards.
- 5 2. Provide technical assistance and consultation services to entities such as
6 local educational agencies, cooperative educational service agencies, county children
7 with disabilities education boards and private schools.
- 8 3. Develop and disseminate curriculum and instructional materials.
- 9 4. Provide in service and other training to teachers and other staff serving
10 pupils who are visually impaired.
- 11 5. Provide training, technical assistance and consultation services for parents
12 of children who are visually impaired and for professionals who work with children
13 who are visually impaired.
- 14 6. Provide materials in braille, large print and other appropriate formats to
15 children who are visually impaired.
- 16 7. Train teachers and braillists about braille codes and formats used by
17 individuals who are visually impaired.
- 18 8. Loan books and other materials from the library described in par. (c) 2.
- 19 9. Serve as a clearinghouse for information about children who are visually
20 impaired, including information related to library resources, adapted materials and
21 current research.
- 22 10. Assist in providing assistive technology services, as defined in s. 115.76 (2),
23 for pupils who are visually impaired.

1 11. Lend, rent or lease technological materials and assistive technology
2 devices, as defined in s. 115.76 (1), to local educational agencies, cooperative
3 educational service agencies and county children with disabilities education boards.

4 12. Facilitate the preparation of teachers of pupils who are visually impaired
5 by providing assistance to teacher preparation programs.

6 13. Coordinate and collaborate with public and private agencies and
7 organizations that provide services to individuals who are visually impaired,
8 including the development of employment skills and opportunities.

9 14. Provide other statewide services that relate to the education of children who
10 are visually impaired.

11 (c) *Additional services.* 1. 'Birth to 2 services.' The center may provide
12 instruction or services, or both, for children who are under the age of 2 and are
13 visually impaired and their parents. The instruction or services are subject to the
14 approval of, and shall comply with requirements established by, the department.

15 2. 'Library.' Embossed, clear type or large type books acquired by the center
16 constitute a circulating collection for persons who are visually impaired. The
17 collection shall be kept at the center and be under the supervision of its director. All
18 school age children of the state who are visually impaired may use such books upon
19 compliance with criteria established by the director of the center and approved by
20 the state superintendent.

21 3. 'Summer programs.' The center shall provide summer programs each year
22 for children who are visually impaired.

23 4. 'Adult summer program.' The center shall provide a summer program each
24 year for adults who are visually impaired. The state superintendent may contract
25 with other entities to provide this program.

1 5. 'Independent living skills.' With the approval of the state superintendent,
2 the center may use state-owned housing on the grounds of the center in Janesville
3 as a facility in which individuals receive instruction in and practice independent
4 living skills.

5 (d) *Provision of services.* In addition to providing services at the center's facility
6 in Janesville, the center may provide services at any location in the state and may
7 operate regional satellite facilities throughout the state to provide services.

8 (4) NONDISCRIMINATION. All pupils at the center may equally and freely enjoy
9 the benefits and privileges of the center, have the use of the library and books of
10 instruction and receive board, lodging and laundry, without discrimination, except
11 that the director of the center may determine that board, lodging and laundry may
12 not be provided to an individual because appropriate services are not available for
13 that individual at the center's residential facilities.

14 (5) CHARGES. The state superintendent may charge for meals, living quarters,
15 laundry and other services furnished to employes of the center and their families.
16 The state superintendent may charge for services furnished to visitors at the center
17 and participants in training programs and institutes.

18 (6) LEASING OF SPACE. The state superintendent may lease space at the center
19 in Janesville that is not required by the center to any person if the state
20 superintendent determines that the use will not be inconsistent with the operation
21 of the center.

22 (7) AUDIT. In the 2002–03 fiscal year, the legislative audit bureau shall perform
23 a performance evaluation audit of the center. The bureau shall submit copies of the
24 audit report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the
25 appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) by June 30, 2003.

1 **SECTION 2053j.** 115.53 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **115.53 (2)** Arrange for vocational, trade or academic training for any pupil in
3 either ~~state school~~ the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
4 Visually Impaired or the Wisconsin School for the Deaf qualified to take such
5 training advantageously, in either a public school or technical college or a private
6 business establishment in Janesville or Delavan. The public school and the technical
7 college shall be paid the regular tuition for full-time attendance and proportionally
8 for part-time attendance by the school district responsible for the provision of a free
9 appropriate public education under subch. V.

10 **SECTION 2053k.** 115.53 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 115.53 (3) (a) and
11 amended to read:

12 115.53 (3) (a) Arrange for otological or ophthalmic examination of any pupil or
13 prospective pupil of the schools Wisconsin School for the Deaf. The examination shall
14 be paid for from the appropriation in s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh) or (gs).

15 **SECTION 2053L.** 115.53 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

16 115.53 (3) (b) Arrange for ophthalmic or otological examination of any pupil or
17 prospective pupil of the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
18 Visually Impaired. The examination shall be paid from the appropriation in s. 20.255
19 (1) (b), (gh), (gL) or (gs).

20 **SECTION 2053m.** 115.53 (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

21 115.53 (4) Apply to the board of directors of the University of Wisconsin
22 Hospitals and Clinics Authority for admission to the University of Wisconsin
23 Hospitals and Clinics of any pupil ~~in~~ at the state schools Wisconsin School for the
24 Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually
25 Impaired.

1 (a) The application shall be accompanied by the report of a physician appointed
2 by the ~~appropriate school superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the~~
3 director of the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and shall be in
4 the same form as reports of other physicians for admission of patients to such
5 hospital.

6 (b) The net cost of hospital treatment shall be at the rate established under s.
7 233.40 (1) and shall be ~~chargeable to paid from~~ the appropriation ~~for operating the~~
8 ~~patient's school under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the~~
9 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (b), (gh),
10 (gL) or (gs) if the patient is a pupil at the school operated by the Wisconsin Center
11 for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The state superintendent likewise may
12 authorize payment for the expense of transporting patients to and from the hospital.
13 The state superintendent shall make payments for the treatment to the University
14 of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. Funds collected by the state
15 superintendent on account of the hospitalization shall be ~~deposited in~~ credited to the
16 appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (b) (gh) for the school or center concerned.

17 (5) Arrange for visits by members of the staff of either ~~school~~ the Wisconsin
18 School for the Deaf or the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to
19 other public schools or to families of ~~blind or deaf children~~ children who are
20 visually impaired, whenever it appears to the state superintendent that such visits
21 will be of advantage to ~~blind or deaf~~ such children.

22 **SECTION 2053p.** 115.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **115.54 Compulsory education.** If it appears, by affidavit, to any circuit
24 judge that any ~~blind or deaf child~~ child who is visually impaired between the ages
25 of 6 and 21 is deprived of a suitable education by the failure of the person having the

1 care and custody of the child to provide a suitable education, the judge shall order
2 the person to bring the child before the judge. If the material allegations of the
3 affidavit are denied, the judge shall subpoena witnesses and hear testimony. If the
4 allegations are admitted or established, the judge may order the child sent to the
5 ~~school~~ Wisconsin School for the visually handicapped or for the deaf Deaf, the school
6 operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired or to some
7 class or other school for instruction, but the order ~~shall~~ may not make a direct charge
8 for the class or school against any county.

9 **SECTION 2053q.** 115.55 of the statutes is repealed.

10 **SECTION 2053r.** 115.58 of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **115.58 Park grounds.** The state superintendent may permit the city of
12 Janesville to use portions of the grounds of the ~~state school for the visually~~
13 ~~handicapped~~ Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Janesville,
14 which abut on the Rock river, for purposes of operating a city park. Any construction
15 on such grounds is subject to prior approval by the state superintendent. Any
16 agreement pursuant hereto shall be cancelable at the option of either party without
17 liability. Any such grounds so used by the city of Janesville shall be supervised by
18 the city and shall be subject to the ordinances of the city of Janesville applicable to
19 city parks.”

20 **24.** Page 1123, line 7: after that line insert:

21 **“SECTION 2131d.** 121.05 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 121.05 (1) (a) 8. Pupils enrolled in ~~a residential school operated by the state the~~
23 Wisconsin School for the Deaf or the school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the
24 Blind and Visually Impaired under subch. III of ch. 115 for whom the school district

1 is paying tuition under s. 115.53 (2) determined by multiplying the total number of
2 periods in each day in which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school by the
3 total number of days for which the pupils are enrolled in the local public school and
4 dividing the product by 1,080.”.

5 **25.** Page 1127, line 17: after that line insert:

6 “SECTION 2142m. 121.54 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 121.54 (3) TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. Every school board
8 shall provide transportation for children with disabilities, as defined in s. 115.76 (5),
9 to any public or private elementary or high school, to the ~~Wisconsin school for the~~
10 visually handicapped school operated by the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and
11 Visually Impaired or the ~~Wisconsin school~~ School for the deaf Deaf or to any special
12 education program for children with disabilities sponsored by a state tax-supported
13 institution of higher education, including a technical college, regardless of distance,
14 if the request for such transportation is approved by the state superintendent.
15 Approval shall be based on whether or not the child can walk to school with safety
16 and comfort. Section 121.53 shall apply to transportation provided under this
17 subsection.”.

18 **26.** Page 1436, line 16: after that line insert:

19 “SECTION 3176m. 940.295 (1) (q) of the statutes is repealed.

20 SECTION 3176n. 940.295 (2) (j) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

21 940.295 (2) (j) The Wisconsin School for the Deaf under s. 115.52 and the
22 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired under s. 115.525.”.

23 **27.** Page 1542, line 13: after that line insert:

1 “(2c) TRANSITION PLAN; WISCONSIN CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.
2 The state superintendent of public instruction shall prepare a transition plan that
3 sets forth specific funding and staffing recommendations for the operation of the
4 Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and describe the appropriate
5 steps for phasing in the appropriate program modifications. The state
6 superintendent shall consult with the blind and visual impairment education council
7 in the preparation of the plan. The blind and visual impairment education council
8 shall review the plan. The state superintendent shall submit the plan to the
9 governor no later than the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective
10 date of this subsection. The state superintendent shall also simultaneously submit
11 a copy of the plan to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2)
12 of the statutes.

13 (2cc) BLIND AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENT EDUCATION COUNCIL. Notwithstanding the
14 length of term specified in section 15.377 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by this act,
15 the initial members of the blind and visual impairment education council appointed
16 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 4. and 7. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the
17 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this
18 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as
19 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of
20 the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members appointed under section
21 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring
22 on July 1, 2000; the initial members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 5. and 8.
23 of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
24 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed
25 under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the

1 members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this
2 act, and one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes,
3 as affected by this act, shall serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2001, and the initial
4 member appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 6. of the statutes, as affected by this
5 act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 1. of the statutes, as
6 affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 2. of
7 the statutes, as affected by this act, one of the members appointed under section
8 15.377 (1) (c) 3. of the statutes, as affected by this act, and one of the members
9 appointed under section 15.377 (1) (c) 9. of the statutes, as affected by this act, shall
10 serve for terms expiring on July 1, 2002.”.

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