



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2005 Assembly Bill 3

**Assembly
Amendment 7**

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Under current law, children who reside in the City of Milwaukee and meet certain income and school status eligibility requirements may attend any private school participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP). However, current law limits participation to 15% of the Milwaukee Public Schools membership. [s. 119.23 (2) (b), Stats.] By the February 1 that precedes the school year in which a school intends to participate in the MPCP, the school must notify the State Superintendent of Public Instruction of the number of MPCP pupils for which the school has space. [s. 119.23 (2) (a) 3., Stats.] If, in any school year, there are more spaces for MPCP pupils available in the MPCP schools than the maximum number of pupils allowed to participate (15% cap), the Department of Public Instruction must “prorate the number of spaces available at each [MPCP] school.” [s. 119.23 (2) (b), Stats.] If an MPCP school rejects an applicant because it has too few spaces available, the pupil may transfer the application to an MPCP school that has space available. [s. 119.23 (3) (b), Stats.]

The bill, as amended by Assembly Amendment 7, provides that the 15% cap does not apply beginning in the 2005-06 school year. Rather, in the 2005-06 school year and in each succeeding school year, the cap would be 16,500 pupils.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 7 to the bill was offered by Representative Vukmir and others. It was adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote. The Assembly then passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 58; Noes, 35; Paired, 2; and Not Voting, 4.

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