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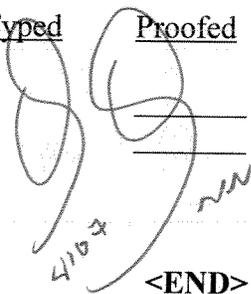
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~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~

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1 AN ACT to renumber 121.58 (6); and to create 121.58 (6) (b) of the statutes;
2 relating to: transportation aid to school districts and providing for a study.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the **state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 SECTION 1. 121.58 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 121.58 (6) (a).
4 SECTION 2. 121.58 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
5 121.58 (6) (b) If there is a balance in the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cr)
6 in any fiscal year after the department has paid the full amount of approved claims
7 under this section, ^{and s. 121.575} the department shall distribute the balance to those school
8 districts entitled to state aid under this section, with each school district receiving
9 a percentage of the balance equal to its percentage of the total approved claims.

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1 under 2007 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 17 (1). No funds may be encumbered
2 from this appropriation after June 30, 2009.

3 **SECTION 3.** 121.07 (6) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 121.07 (6) (a) (intro.) "Shared cost" is the sum of the net cost of the general fund
5 and the net cost of the debt service fund, except that "shared cost" excludes any costs,
6 including attorney fees, incurred by a school district as a result of its participation
7 in a lawsuit commenced against the state, beginning with such costs incurred in the
8 fiscal year in which the lawsuit is commenced; excludes any expenditures from a
9 capital improvement fund created under s. 120.135 and; excludes the costs of
10 transporting those transfer pupils for whom the school district operating under ch.
11 119 does not receive intradistrict transfer aid under s. 121.85 (6) as a result of s.
12 121.85 (6) (am); and excludes the amount of any excess revenue approved under s.
13 121.91 (8) (a). In this paragraph, "net cost of the debt service fund" includes all of
14 the following amounts:

15 ~~SECTION 4.~~ 121.58 (6) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 121.58 (6) (title) ~~APPROPRIATION PRORATED; PRORATION, DISTRIBUTION OF BALANCE.~~

17 ~~SECTION 5.~~ 121.58 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 121.58 (6) (a).

18 ~~SECTION 6.~~ 121.58 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

19 121.58 (6) (b) If there is a balance in the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cr)
20 in any fiscal year after the department has paid the full amount of approved claims
21 under this section and s. 121.575, the department shall distribute the balance to
22 those school districts entitled to state aid under this section, with each school district
23 receiving a percentage of the balance equal to its percentage of the total approved
24 claims.

25 ~~SECTION 7.~~ 121.905 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 school year. The school board may not maintain the excess revenue in the balance
2 of any fund beyond June 30 of the school year in which the resolution was adopted.

SECTION 17. Nonstatutory provisions.**(1) GRANTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY STUDIES.**

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5 (a) A consortium of 2 or more school districts may apply to the department for
6 a grant to conduct a school district consolidation feasibility study. The consortium
7 shall submit a plan identifying the school districts engaged in the study, the issues
8 the study will address, and how the grant funds will be expended. A school district
9 may not be a member of more than one consortium.

10 (b) In the 2008-09 school year, the department shall award grants to consortia
11 from the appropriation under section 20.255 (2) (fp) of the statutes, as created by this
12 act. The department may not award more than \$10,000 to any consortium.

13 (c) The department shall give priority to applications that demonstrate prior
14 attempts to address the underlying issues associated with management and
15 operation of the school districts' programs.

16 (d) A consortium awarded a grant under paragraph (b) shall submit the results
17 of the study to the department.

18 **No B** (1) ~~(2)~~ **REPORT ON PUPIL TRANSPORTATION.** By February 1, 2009, each school board
19 shall report to the department of public instruction the miles driven to provide
20 transportation to and from school for public and private school pupils under section
21 121.55 (1) of the statutes in the 2007-08 fiscal year, excluding transportation to and
22 from extracurricular activities, the transportation of children with disabilities,
23 shuttle services, and field trips. The department shall submit a report summarizing
24 the data to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the
25 statutes by May 1, 2009.

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SECTION 18. Initial applicability.

(1) REVENUE LIMIT; DECLINING ENROLLMENT. The treatment of section 121.91 (4) (f) 1m. b., c., and d. of the statutes, the renumbering and amendment of section 121.91 (4) (f) 1. of the statutes, and the creation of section 121.91 (4) (f) 1. a. to c. of the statutes first apply to the calculation of a school district's revenue limit for the 2008-09 school year.

(2) REVENUE LIMIT; ONE PERCENT ADJUSTMENT. The treatment of section 121.91 (7) and (8) of the statutes first applies to the calculation of a school district's revenue limit for the 2008-09 school year.

(3) TRANSPORTATION AID. *This act* ~~The treatment of section 121.58 (6) (b) of the statutes~~ first applies to aid paid for transportation provided during the 2007-08 school year.

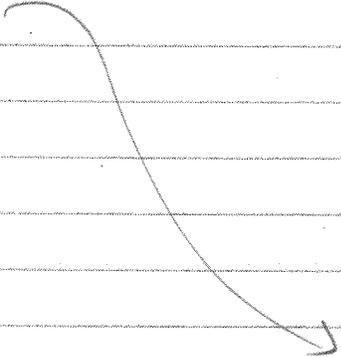
SECTION 19. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION STUDIES. The treatment of section 20.255 (2) (fp) of the statutes and SECTION 1 of this act take effect on July 1, 2008.

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(4) Current law requires the Department
 of Public Instruction ^(DPI) to ^{prorate} ~~prorate~~ state
 aid payments to school districts for transportation
 costs if the amount appropriated is
 insufficient to ^{cover} cover all eligible ^{costs} ~~costs~~ ^{under} this
 bill; if there is a balance in the appropriation
 after DPI pays all ^{approved} approved claims, DPI
 must distribute the balance to school districts
 on a ^{prorated} ~~prorated~~ basis.



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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill, developed by the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Review of State School Aid Formula, makes a series of changes to the school finance system in the state.

The bill includes provisions relating to school transportation, declining enrollment districts, low-spending districts, a revenue limit flexibility option, and a grant program for school consolidation feasibility studies.

Transportation ^{also}

The bill requires each school board, by February 1, 2009, to report to the ~~Department of Public Instruction (DPI)~~ the miles driven in the 2007-08 fiscal year to provide transportation to and from school for public and private pupils. Excluded from this calculation are transportation to and from extracurricular activities, the transportation of children with disabilities, shuttle services, and field trips. The bill directs DPI to submit a report summarizing the data to the Legislature by May 1, 2009.

Current law authorizes DPI to reduce payments under the school transportation appropriation that funds a portion of local transportation costs when that appropriation is insufficient to cover eligible costs filed by school districts. The bill directs DPI to fully expend the appropriation set aside for such transportation, by increasing payments to districts on a prorated basis. [See SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 17 (2), and 18 (3) of the bill.]

Declining Enrollment

The bill extends the enrollment adjustment aid period for school districts to three years. Under this approach, in the first year of an enrollment decline, a school district would receive 100% of the allowable revenues that the decline would have generated. In the year after the decline, the district would receive an adjustment equal to 75% of the first-year adjustment. In the third year after the decline year, the district would receive an adjustment equal to 50% of the first year adjustment. [SECTIONS 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18 (1).]

Low Spending Districts

The bill increases the low revenue ceiling for revenue limits by \$400 per pupil in each year of the next biennium. Thus, the 2007-08 low revenue ceiling would be increased to \$8,800 from the current \$8,400 per pupil. Subsequently, the ceiling in the 2008-09 school year would be increased to \$9,200. [SECTION 7.]

Revenue Limit Flexibility Option

The bill provides school districts with revenue limit flexibility based on a percentage of statewide average allowable revenue per pupil.

Current revenue limits restrict the annual increase in a school district's per pupil revenue derived from general school aids, computer aid, and property taxes. Actual general aids, computer aid, and property tax revenue received in the prior year are used to establish the base year amount in order to compute the allowable revenue increase of the current school year. A per pupil revenue limit increase, which is adjusted annually for inflation, is added to the base revenue per pupil for the current school year. For example, in 2006-07, this per pupil increase is \$256.93. A school district may exceed this revenue limit by receiving voter approval at a referendum.

The bill allows a school board, by a 2/3 vote of its members, to increase its revenue limit, on a nonrecurring basis, by an amount equal to 1% of the statewide average

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