

2019 Senate Bill 595 (LRB -4850)

An Act to repeal 20.255 (3) (df); and to create 20.255 (3) (df) of the statutes; relating to: an online early learning pilot program and making an appropriation. (FE)

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| 11-27. | S. | Introduced by Senators Darling and Bernier ; cosponsored by Representatives Thiesfeldt, Fields, Nygren, Allen, Krug, Macco, Novak, Ramthun, Rodriguez, Steffen, Tusler, VanderMeer and Wittke . | 521 |
| 11-27. | S. | Read first time and referred to Committee on Education | 521 |
| 12-20. | S. | Fiscal estimate received | |

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| 01-23. | S. | Senate Amendment 1 offered by Senator Darling (LRB a0972) | 608 |
| 01-28. | S. | Public hearing held | |
| 02-07. | S. | Executive action taken | |
| 02-07. | S. | Report adoption of Senate Amendment 1 recommended by Committee on Education, Ayes 8, Noes 0 | 652 |
| 02-07. | S. | Report passage as amended recommended by Committee on Education, Ayes 7, Noes 1 | 652 |
| 02-07. | S. | Available for scheduling | |
| 02-10. | S. | Withdrawn from committee on Senate Organization and rereferred to joint committee on Finance pursuant to Senate Rule 46(2)(c) | 655 |
| 02-12. | S. | Executive action taken | |
| 02-12. | S. | Report adoption of Senate Amendment 1 recommended by Joint Committee on Finance, Ayes 16, Noes 0 | 666 |
| 02-12. | S. | Report passage as amended recommended by Joint Committee on Finance, Ayes 16, Noes 0 | 666 |
| 02-12. | S. | Available for scheduling | |
| 02-14. | S. | Placed on calendar 2-19-2020 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) | 678 |
| 02-18. | S. | LRB correction | 684 |
| 02-19. | S. | Read a second time | |
| 02-19. | S. | Senate Amendment 1 adopted | |
| 02-19. | S. | Ordered to a third reading | |
| 02-19. | S. | Rules suspended | |
| 02-19. | S. | Read a third time and passed , Ayes 31, Noes 2 | |
| 02-19. | S. | Ordered immediately messaged | |
| 02-20. | A. | Received from Senate | |
| 02-20. | A. | Read | |
| 02-20. | A. | Rules suspended to withdraw from Senate message and take up | |
| 02-20. | A. | Read a second time | |
| 02-20. | A. | Ordered to a third reading | |
| 02-20. | A. | Rules suspended | |
| 02-20. | A. | Read a third time and concurred in | |
| 02-20. | A. | Ordered immediately messaged | |
| 02-21. | S. | Received from Assembly concurred in | |

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Amendments: None or Listed below.

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Corrections: None or Listed by date below.

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Topic: Same as relating clause or Indicated below.

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CORRECTIONS IN:

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Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(February 18, 2020)

1. Page 2, line 11: delete “statutes” and substitute “statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act (this act),”.

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2019 SENATE BILL 595

November 27, 2019 - Introduced by Senators DARLING and BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives THIESFELDT, FIELDS, NYGREN, ALLEN, KRUG, MACCO, NOVAK, RAMTHUN, RODRIGUEZ, STEFFEN, TUSLER, VANDERMEER and WITTKE. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 20.255 (3) (df); and *to create* 20.255 (3) (df) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** an online early learning pilot program and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to award a three-year contract to a service provider to administer an online early learning program to low-income children who reside in three urban school districts selected by DPI and three rural school districts selected by DPI. Under the bill, the service provider must administer the online early learning program during the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years.

Under the bill, a service provider is a nonprofit organization that has successfully conducted an online early learning program in the past and can demonstrate its past success using independent evaluations. To qualify as an online early learning program, a program must satisfy the following criteria:

1. The program provides computer-based instruction to children on a home computer and includes content in reading, math, and science.
2. The program is designed to improve a child's transition to five-year-old kindergarten and aligned with nationally recognized early learning standards.
3. The program requires parental engagement and involvement that includes interaction with a learning coach.
4. The program evaluates a child's growth over the course of the program.
5. The program provides a participating low-income family with access to a computer and Internet service in the family's home at no cost.

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1 2. "Eligible child" means a child who satisfies the income eligibility criteria for
 2 a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1) and resides in a school
 3 district selected by the department under par. (d).

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4 3. "Online early learning program" means a program that satisfies all of the
 5 following criteria:

6 a. The program provides computer-based instruction to children on a home
 7 computer connected by the Internet to a centralized file storage facility.

8 b. The program is designed to improve a child's transition to 5-year-old
 9 kindergarten.

10 c. The program contains content in reading, math, and science.

11 d. The program is aligned with nationally recognized early learning standards.

12 e. At no cost to low-income families participating in the program, the program
 13 provides access to a computer or Internet service, or both, in the homes of low-income
 14 families participating in the program that do not have a computer or Internet service
 15 access in their home.

16 f. The program includes a parental engagement and involvement component
 17 that includes interaction with a learning coach provided by the program.

18 g. The program includes an evaluation component that measures a child's
 19 growth over the course of the program.

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20 4. "Service provider" means a nonstock, nonprofit organization described under
 21 section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code that has successfully conducted an
 22 online early learning program. An organization must demonstrate past success to
 23 the department using independent and reliable evaluations.

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24 (b) The department shall award, using a competitive request-for-proposals
 25 process, a contract to a service provider to administer an online early learning

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in the school districts described in par. (d)

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1 program to eligible children. The contract shall require the service provider to
2 administer the online early learning program from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2023.

3 (c) 1. For each school year of the contract under par. (b), the department shall
4 pay the amount appropriated under s. 20.255 (3) (df) to the service provider awarded
5 the contract under par. (b) for administering the online early learning program.

6 2. A service provider awarded a contract under par. (b) shall provide a total of
7 \$500,000 in matching funds during the 3 years of the contract.

8 (d) The department shall select 3 urban school districts and 3 rural school
9 districts in which the service provider awarded a contract under par. (b) shall
10 administer the online early learning pilot program.

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11 (e) The department shall require the service provider awarded a contract under
12 par. (b) to submit an annual report to the department that contains all of the
13 following information for each school district selected under par. (d):

14 1. The number of eligible children who applied to participate in the online early
15 learning program.

16 2. The number of eligible children selected to participate in the online early
17 learning program.

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18 3. The number of low-income families that requested a computer or home
19 Internet service.

20 4. The number of low-income families that were provided a computer or home
21 Internet service.

22 5. The frequency with which children participating in the online early learning
23 program used the instructional software provided by the program.

24 6. How children participating in the online early learning program performed
25 on prekindergarten and kindergarten readiness assessments.

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SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 595

January 23, 2020 - Offered by Senator DARLING.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 3, line 3: after that line insert:

3 "2m. "Membership" has the meaning given in s. 121.004 (5)."

4 **2.** Page 3, line 19: after that line insert:

5 "h. The program is being administered by a service provider in at least 2 other
6 states.

7 3m. "Rural school district" means a school district that, in the previous school
8 year, had a membership of no more than 745 pupils."

9 **3.** Page 3, line 23: after that line insert:

10 "4m. "Urban school district" means a school district that, in the previous school
11 year, had a membership of at least 18,000 pupils. "Urban school district" does not
12 include a school district operating under ch. 119."

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1 **4.** Page 4, line 2: after “program” insert “in the school districts described in par.
2 (d)”.

3 **5.** Page 4, line 8: delete lines 8 to 10 and substitute:

4 “(d) The service provider awarded the contract under par. (b) shall administer
5 the online early learning program in all of the following school districts:

6 1. A first class city school district.

7 2. The 2 urban school districts that have the largest reading achievement gaps,
8 as defined by the department.

9 3. Three rural school districts, selected by the department, that have reading
10 achievement gaps, as defined by the department”.

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11 **6.** Page 4, line 16: delete “selected to participate” and substitute “who
12 participated”.

13 **7.** Page 4, line 25: delete “assessments.” and substitute “assessments selected
14 and administered by the service provider.”.

15 **8.** Page 5, line 1: after that line insert:

16 “(em) 1. The service provider awarded the contract under par. (b) shall report
17 to the department the name of each child who participates in the online early
18 learning program, whether the child completed the online early learning program,
19 and any other information that is necessary to identify the child in the student
20 information system under s. 115.383, as requested by the department.

21 2. To the extent possible, for each child who is reported to have participated in
22 the online early learning program under subd. 1., the department shall ensure that
23 the following information is included in the student information system under s.
24 115.383:

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- 1 a. The fact that the child participated in the online early learning program.
2 b. Whether or not the child completed the online early learning program”.

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