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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 442**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### **2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 442**

Assembly Bill 442 creates a categorical aid and appropriates \$750,000 annually for school districts that enter into whole grade sharing agreements and consider consolidation. Under the bill, each school district that is sharing grades may receive \$150 per student in the shared grade level. A district may receive the aid for five school years, and the aid amount may be prorated among eligible school districts.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the appropriation for the current school year to \$0 and makes school districts eligible beginning in the 2020-21 school year. The amendment also clarifies the eligibility criteria for the aid so that a school district is eligible for aid if it enters into, and participates in, a whole grade sharing agreement.

Finally, the amendment provides a longer period of time for school districts to enter into whole grade sharing agreements for the 2020-21 school year. Under current law, school boards must enter into an agreement by February 1 to participate in whole grade sharing for the following school year. The amendment provides school boards with an additional three months, allowing them until May 1, 2020 to enter into a whole grade sharing agreement for the 2020-21 school year.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Felzkowski on October 10, 2019. On October 29, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 442, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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