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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 7,
TO SENATE BILL 2**

May 19, 1998 – Offered by Representatives MORRIS-TATUM, COGGS, L. YOUNG, RILEY,
KRUG and NOTESTEIN.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill, as shown by senate substitute
2 amendment 2, as follows:

3 **1.** Page 2, line 3: delete the material beginning with “in” and ending with
4 “Schools” on line 5 and substitute “meet certain educational criteria and creating
5 local reform councils for certain schools”.

6 **2.** Page 14, line 7: after that line insert:

7 “**SECTION 24m.** 120.22 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **120.22 Local reform councils. (1)** (a) Each school board shall determine a
9 method for identifying schools that are low in performance using the following
10 measures, as applicable, and other measures the school board shall adopt:

11 1. The results of the statewide pupil assessments under s. 118.30 and any
12 districtwide pupil assessments.

13 2. The school’s graduation rate.

1 3. The school's attendance and truancy rates.

2 4. The school's dropout rate.

3 5. The results of the 3rd grade reading test under s. 121.02 (1) (r).

4 6. Grade point averages of pupils enrolled in the school.

5 (b) By January 1, 1999, the school board shall certify the method determined
6 under par. (a) to the department for its approval. By February 1, 1999, the
7 department shall approve the method as certified by the school board or as modified
8 by the department.

9 **(2)** By December 15, 2000, and biennially thereafter, using the method
10 approved by the department under sub. (1) (b), the school board shall certify to the
11 department the performance of all schools as measured under sub. (1) and a list of
12 the schools that are low in performance. The department shall approve the list as
13 certified by the school board or as modified by the department.

14 **(3)** In this subsection:

15 (a) "Chief executive officer" means the mayor or city manager of a city, the
16 village president of a village or the town board chairperson of a town.

17 (b) "Municipality" means a city, village or town.

18 (c) A local reform council is created for each school on the list approved by the
19 department under sub. (2). The local reform council shall consist of the following
20 members appointed by March 1 following the certification under sub. (2) for 4-year
21 terms beginning on July 1 following the certification under sub. (2):

22 1. One person who resides in the school district and who is not employed by the
23 school board, appointed by the school board.

1 2. Two persons who are parents of pupils enrolled in the school, and who are
2 not employed by the school board, appointed by the school board from
3 recommendations made by the school’s parent-teacher organization.

4 3. One person appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality,
5 located in the school district, in which reside the largest number of pupils who attend
6 the schools in the school district. The appointment of a person under this subdivision
7 is subject to confirmation by the municipality’s governing body.

8 4. One teacher who is a resident of the school district and who is employed in
9 the school, elected by the teachers of the school subject to confirmation by the school
10 board.

11 (d) A member of a local reform council who loses the status upon which his or
12 her appointment was based does not cease to be a member of the council as a result.

13 **(4)** Beginning on July 1 following the certification under sub. (2), the council
14 appointed under sub. (3) shall determine all of the following:

15 (a) The educational program of the school.

16 (b) The methods the school will use to enable pupils to attain the educational
17 goals under s. 118.01.

18 (c) The method by which pupil progress in attaining the educational goals
19 under s. 118.01 will be measured.

20 (d) The method to be followed by the school to ensure parental involvement.

21 (e) The procedures that the school will follow to ensure the health and safety
22 of the pupils.

23 **(5)** (a) If a local reform council requests, the school board may reassign the
24 school’s staff members who are licensed by the state superintendent without regard
25 to seniority in service and may reassign other employes of the school board who are

1 licensed by the state superintendent to the school without regard to seniority in
2 service.

3 (b) The local reform council may veto assignment of staff to the school or
4 reassignment of staff from the school under par. (a).

5 (6) If a local reform council is appointed for a school, annually the school board
6 shall allocate for operation of the school an amount equal to the average cost per pupil
7 for that type and level of public school in the city, as determined by the department,
8 multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled in the school, calculated on a full-time
9 equivalent basis. All costs incurred by the school board and the council for operation
10 of the school shall be funded from the allocation under this subsection.

11 (7) (a) If the 2nd certification under sub. (2) after the appointment of a local
12 reform council shows that the school is low in performance, the local reform council
13 is abolished on the following July 1.

14 (b) A local reform council may dissolve itself by adopting a resolution to that
15 effect. A resolution adopted under this paragraph may not take effect until the July
16 1 following the 4th certification under sub. (2) after the appointment of the local
17 reform council.”.

18 **3.** Page 14, line 22: after that line insert:

19 “(2e) EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION; OTHER. By December 15, 1999, each school
20 board except for the board of school directors of a city of the 1st class shall report to
21 the state superintendent of public instruction the performance under section 120.22
22 (2) of the statutes of all schools in the school district in the 1998–99 school year.”.

23 (END)