



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

1. Sparsity aid

This bill makes certain additional school districts eligible for sparsity aid. Under current law, a school district is eligible for sparsity aid in the amount of \$400 per pupil if the school district's membership in the previous school year did not exceed 745 pupils and if the membership divided by the school district's area in square miles is less than ten. Also, under current law, a school district that was eligible to receive sparsity aid in the previous school year but that is not eligible to receive sparsity aid in the current school year because the school district's membership exceeded 745 pupils may receive up to 50 percent of the aid the school district received in the previous school year.

Under this bill, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, a school district with the same density of pupils per square mile and a membership that exceeds 745 pupils is eligible for sparsity aid in the amount of \$100 per pupil. The bill also provides that, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, a school district that is ineligible for sparsity aid because it no longer satisfies the pupils per square mile requirement may receive 50 percent of the aid the school district received in the previous school year.

For further information see the *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:

SECTION 1. 115.436 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (2) (intro.) A school district is eligible for sparsity aid under this section if it the school district's membership in the previous school year divided by the school district's area in square miles is less than 10 and the school district satisfies all one of the following criteria:

SECTION 2. 115.436 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

115.436 (2) (b) The school district's membership in the previous school year was greater than 745.

SECTION 3. 115.436 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 115.436 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (3) (a) ~~Beginning in~~ In the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school year years, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and subject to par. (b), the department shall pay to each school district eligible for sparsity aid \$400 multiplied by the membership in the previous school year.

SECTION 5. 115.436 (3) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

115.436 (3) (ac) Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and subject to par. (b), the department shall pay all of the following:

1. To each school district eligible for sparsity aid under sub. (2) (a), \$400 multiplied by the school district's membership in the previous school year.

2. To each school district eligible for sparsity aid under sub. (2) (b), \$100 multiplied by the school district's membership in the previous school year.

SECTION 6. 115.436 (3) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

115.436 (3) (ag) Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae), the department shall, subject to par. (b), pay to each school district that received aid under this section in the previous school year but does not satisfy the number of pupils per square mile requirement under sub. (2) in the current school year 50 percent of the amount the school district received under par. (a) or (ac) in the previous school year.

SECTION 7. 115.436 (3) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (3) (am) ~~Beginning in~~ In the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 school year years, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae), the department shall, subject to par. (b), pay to each school district that received aid under this section in the previous school year but does not satisfy the requirement under sub. (2) (a) in the current school year 50 percent of the amount received by the school district under par. (a) in the previous school year.

SECTION 8. 115.436 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (3) (b) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount under pars. ~~(a), (am)~~ (ac), (ag), and (ap), the department shall prorate the payments among the school districts entitled to aid under this subsection.

SECTION 9434. Effective dates; Public Instruction.

(1) SPARSITY AID. The treatment of s. 115.436 (2) (intro.), (b), and (c) and (3) (ac), (ag), and (b) takes effect on July 1, 2020.

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