## **1995 SENATE BILL 346**

September 21, 1995 – Introduced by Senator Adelman. Referred to Committee on Education and Financial Institutions.

- 1 AN ACT to amend 121.51 (1) of the statutes; relating to: the attendance areas
- 2 of private schools for pupil transportation purposes.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a school district must provide transportation to and from school for each pupil residing in the school district who attends a private school located 2 miles or more from the pupil's residence if the pupil resides within the private school's attendance area and the private school is situated within the school district or not more than 5 miles beyond the boundaries of the school district. An "attendance area" is the geographic area designated by the governing body of a private school as the area from which its pupils attend and approved by the school board of the school district in which the private school is located. With certain exceptions, the attendance areas of private schools affiliated with the same religious denomination may not overlap.

This bill provides that with certain exceptions, the attendance areas of private schools affiliated with the same denomination that are located within the same school district may not overlap.

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:

- 3 **Section 1.** 121.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 121.51 (1) "Attendance area" is the geographic area designated by the
- 5 governing body of a private school as the area from which its pupils attend and

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approved by the school board of the district in which the private school is located. If the private school and the school board cannot agree on the attendance area, the state superintendent shall, upon the request of the private school and the board, make a final determination of the attendance area. The attendance areas of private schools affiliated with the same religious denomination that are located within the same school district shall not overlap unless one school limits its enrollment to pupils of the same sex and the other school limits its enrollment to pupils of the opposite sex or admits pupils of both sexes.

9 (END)