



## 2013 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 23

January 21, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives GOYKE, ZAMARRIPA, BARCA, PASCH, POPE, SINICKI, WRIGHT, C. TAYLOR, CLARK, HESSELBEIN and KOLSTE. Referred to Committee on Assembly Organization.

- 1 **Relating to:** the closing of LifeSkills Academy in the city of Milwaukee.
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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

On or about December 12, 2013, the LifeSkills Academy in the city of Milwaukee ceased operations. LifeSkills Academy was a private school participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. Newspaper reports indicated that the owners of the school relocated to Florida and have started another private school in Daytona Beach. This resolution does the following:

1. Requests that the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) immediately contact the relevant state agency in the state of Florida that regulates the operation of private schools in that state to inform the agency of the closing of LifeSkills Academy.

2. Directs the Committee on Assembly Organization to contact the appropriate Wisconsin state agencies to request that the agencies immediately commence proceedings to recover any state funds that may be collectible from LifeSkills Academy or its agents.

3. Requests that DPI provide the assembly with all information relating to whether any other private schools that participate in a parental choice program in this state have abruptly closed and relocated to another state after receiving state funding.

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- 2 **Resolved by the assembly, That** in light of the abrupt closing of the LifeSkills  
3 Academy in the city of Milwaukee, a private school participating in the Milwaukee

1 Parental Choice Program, on or about December 12, 2013, which enrolled 66  
2 students and which had received more than \$2.3 million in state funding for the  
3 operation of its programs, and the relocation of the owners of the LifeSkills Academy  
4 to the state of Florida, where they have started a new private school in Daytona  
5 Beach, all of the following shall occur:

6 (1) The department of public instruction is requested to immediately contact  
7 the relevant state agency in the state of Florida that regulates the operation of  
8 private schools in that state to inform the agency of the closing of LifeSkills Academy.

9 (2) The committee on assembly organization shall contact the appropriate  
10 Wisconsin state agencies to request that the agencies immediately commence  
11 proceedings to recover any state funds that may be collectible from LifeSkills  
12 Academy or its agents.

13 (3) The department of public instruction is requested to provide the assembly  
14 with all information relating to whether any other private schools that participate  
15 in a parental choice program in this state have abruptly closed and relocated to  
16 another state after receiving state funding.

17 (END)