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2013 SENATE BILL 443

December 16, 2013 – Introduced by Senator Grothman, cosponsored by Representatives Hutton, Schraa, Jacque, Nass, Bies, Murphy, Pridemore and T. Larson. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to amend 115.28 (12) (a) 3. and 115.28 (12) (b) of the statutes; relating

to: use of the state's student information system by a private school participating in a parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop a proposal for a multiple-vendor student information system (SIS). DPI must submit the proposal to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) for its approval. If JCF approves the proposal, DPI must implement it and must ensure that information about pupils enrolled in charter schools and about pupils enrolled in private schools participating in a parental choice program (PCP) is collected and maintained in the SIS. Current law also provides that if the SIS is established, DPI must ensure that within five years, every school district and every charter school is using the SIS, and that every private school participating in a PCP is either using the SIS or is using a system that is interoperable with the SIS.

This bill allows a private school participating in a PCP to use the SIS established by DPI, but does not require the private school to do so or to establish its own student information system.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1

SECTION 1. 115.28 (12) (a) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, is amended to read:

115.28 (12) (a) 3. If the proposal is approved under subd. 2., the state superintendent shall ensure that information about pupils enrolled in charter schools, and about pupils enrolled in private schools participating in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 that are using the student information system, including their academic performance and demographic information, aggregated by school district, school, and teacher, is collected and maintained in the student information system.

SECTION 2. 115.28 (12) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, is amended to read:

115.28 (12) (b) If the student information system is established under par. (a), ensure that within 5 years of the establishment of the system under par. (a), every school district and charter school is using the system, and that every. A private school participating in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 is either using may use the student information system under par. (a) or is using a system that is interoperable with the system under par. (a). The state superintendent may promulgate rules authorizing the department to charge a fee to any person that uses the system. All fees shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.255 (1) (he).

21 (END)