



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 539

September 1, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives DUFF, RILEY, SCHNEIDERS, GOETSCH, KREIBICH, GROTHMAN and WALKER, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, PETAK, ROSENZWEIG, BURKE and FARROW. Referred to Committee on Urban Education.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 118.153 (3) (b); **to amend** 119.235 (1); and **to**
2 **create** 118.153 (3) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** children-at-risk programs
3 and other educational programs provided under contract with the Milwaukee
4 Public Schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the school board of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) must ensure that there are at least 40 pupils and no more than 200 pupils in each of its programs for children at risk.

This bill provides that if MPS contracts with an agency to provide a program for children at risk, the 40-pupil minimum and 200-pupil maximum do not apply to a program operated under contract.

Current law authorizes MPS to contract with any nonsectarian private school or private agency located in the city of Milwaukee to provide educational programs to pupils enrolled in the school district.

This bill allows MPS to contract with such private schools or agencies if they are located in the city or within 5 miles of the boundaries of the city.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 118.153 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 118.153 (3) (b) (intro.)
6 and amended to read:

1 118.153 (3) (b) (intro.) A program for children at risk shall be designed to allow
2 the pupils enrolled to meet high school graduation requirements under s. 118.33.
3 The Except as provided under par. (bm), the school board of the school district
4 operating under ch. 119 shall ensure that all of the following:

5 1. That there are at least 40 pupils and no more than 200 pupils in each
6 program and that.

7 2. That a separate administrator or teacher is in charge of each program.

8 **SECTION 2.** 118.153 (3) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

9 118.153 (3) (bm) If the school board of the school district operating under ch.
10 119 contracts with an agency under par. (c) to provide a program for children at risk,
11 par. (b) 1. does not apply to the program operating under the contract.

12 **SECTION 3.** 119.235 (1) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, is
13 amended to read:

14 119.235 (1) The board may contract with any nonsectarian private school
15 located in the city or within 5 miles of the boundaries of the city, or any nonsectarian
16 private agency located in the city or within 5 miles of the boundaries of the city, to
17 provide educational programs to pupils enrolled in the school district operating
18 under this chapter. The board shall ensure that each private school or agency under
19 contract with the board complies with ss. 118.125 and 118.13, 20 USC 1232g, 20 USC
20 1681 to 1688, 20 USC 3171 to 3197, 29 USC 794, 42 USC 2000d and 42 USC 6101
21 to 6107, and all health and safety laws and rules that apply to public schools.

22 (END)