



## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 729

December 7, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives KULP, QUINN, E. BROOKS, TRANEL, BALLWEG, BERNIER, FELZKOWSKI, EDMING, KRUG, MURSAU, NERISON, NOVAK, PETRYK, PRONSCHINSKE, RIPP, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, TUSLER and MILROY, cosponsored by Senator TESTIN. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

- 1     **AN ACT** *to create* 121.91 (4) (s) of the statutes; **relating to:** revenue limit  
2             adjustment for certain school district workforce development improvements.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill creates a school district revenue limit adjustment for workforce development improvements to support vocational or technical education.

Current law generally limits the total amount of revenue per pupil a school district may receive from general school aids and property taxes in a school year to the amount of revenue received per pupil in the previous school year. Current law provides several exceptions to the revenue limit. Under one such exception, a school district may pass a resolution and submit the resolution to the electors of the school district in a referendum election. If a majority of the electors of the school district votes to approve the referendum, the revenue limit of the school district is increased as specified in the referendum question.

Under this bill, a school board that receives a petition and that adopts a resolution to initiate workforce development improvements may increase its revenue limit by the amount the school district spends on the improvements in a school year, including amounts spent for debt service on a bond, note, or state trust fund loan used to finance the improvements. The term of the bond, note, or trust fund loan may not exceed 20 years. The petition must be filed jointly by the president of a local chamber of commerce or a chamber of commerce that serves the geographic area encompassing any portion of the school district and the executive director of a regional workforce development board.

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For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 121.91 (4) (s) of the statutes is created to read:

2           121.91 (4) (s) 1. a. In this paragraph, “workforce development improvements”  
3 includes work stations, machinery, and equipment purchased by a school district to  
4 support vocational or technical education.

5           b. Except as provided in subd. 2., upon receipt of a petition filed jointly by the  
6 president of a local chamber of commerce or a chamber of commerce that serves the  
7 geographic area encompassing any portion of the school district and the executive  
8 director of a regional workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832,  
9 if the school board of a school district adopts a resolution to do so, the limit otherwise  
10 applicable to a school district under sub. (2m) in any school year is increased by the  
11 amount spent by the school district in that school year on workforce development  
12 improvements, including the payment of debt service on a bond or note issued, or a  
13 state trust fund loan obtained, to finance the workforce development improvements.  
14 The term of a bond or note issued or state trust fund loan obtained to finance  
15 workforce development improvements may not exceed 20 years. If a school board  
16 issues a bond or note or obtains a state trust fund loan to finance workforce  
17 development improvements, a resolution adopted by the school board under this  
18 subd. 1. b. is valid for each school year in which the school board pays debt service  
19 on the bond, note, or state trust fund loan.

20           2. If a school district issues a bond or note or obtains a state trust fund loan to  
21 finance workforce development improvements described in subd. 1., the amount of

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1 debt service included in the amount spent by the school district under subd. 1. b. is  
2 the amount paid in the calendar year that begins on January 1 of the school year in  
3 which the school district's revenue limit is increased under this paragraph.

4 3. Any additional revenue received by a school district under this paragraph  
5 shall not be included in the base for determining the school district's limit under sub.  
6 (2m) for the following school year.

7 (END)