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2017 SENATE BILL 685

January 4, 2018 - Introduced by Senator TIFFANY, cosponsored by Representatives MURSAU, THIESFELDT, KITCHENS, JAGLER, ZIMMERMAN, RODRIGUEZ, TUSLER, QUINN, DUCHOW, WICHGERS, POPE, GENRICH, CONSIDINE, HEBL, BOWEN and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 115.435 (3); *to renumber and amend* 115.435 (1); *to amend*
2 115.435 (2); and *to create* 115.435 (1g) of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 supplemental aid for school districts with a large area.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill repeals the administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Public Instruction to administer a supplemental aid program for a school district having 500 or fewer pupils and that is at least 200 square miles and incorporates the repealed provisions into current law. The bill also changes, from enrollment to membership, the terminology used to refer to the number of pupils counted to determine the school district's eligibility to receive the supplemental aid.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 115.435 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 115.435 (1r), and 115.435
5 (1r) (a), (b) and (c), as renumbered, are amended to read:
6 115.435 (1r) (a) ~~The school district had an enrollment~~ district's membership in
7 the previous school year ~~of fewer~~ was no more than 500 pupils.

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1 (b) The school district is at least 200 square miles in area. The clerks of the
2 municipalities within which the school district is located shall verify the school
3 district's area on a form prepared by the department.

4 (c) At least 80 percent of the real property in the school district is exempt from
5 taxation under s. 70.11, taxed as forest croplands under subch. I of ch. 77, owned by
6 or held in trust for a federally recognized American Indian tribe, or owned by the
7 federal government. The clerks of the municipalities within which the school district
8 is located shall verify the information required under this paragraph on a form
9 prepared by the department.

10 **SECTION 2.** 115.435 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.435 (1g) In this section, "membership" has the meaning given in s. 121.004
12 (5).

13 **SECTION 3.** 115.435 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 115.435 (2) No later than June 30 of the current school year, the department
15 shall, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ad), pay each school district that
16 satisfies the criteria under sub. (1) ~~(1r)~~ \$350 for each pupil enrolled in multiplied by
17 the school district membership in the previous school year. If the appropriation
18 under s. 20.255 (2) (ad) is insufficient to pay the full amount under this subsection,
19 the funds shall be prorated among the entitled school districts.

20 **SECTION 4.** 115.435 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 5.** Chapter PI 10 of the administrative code is repealed.

22 (END)