



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 179

April 3, 2023 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 115.385 (1h) of the statutes; **relating to:** school and school
2 district accountability report for a consolidated school district.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Shared School District Services.

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to annually publish accountability reports, or "report cards" for individual schools and school districts. Report cards are issued for all public schools and school districts in Wisconsin. Current law requires DPI to factor certain measures of a school's performance or district's improvement into the report cards. Additionally, the report cards must include an index system that creates five performance categories and assigns each school and school district to one of the categories. Under DPI's current accountability formula for the report cards, DPI needs at least two consecutive school years of performance data to calculate a school district's improvement score and performance category. Under current law, on the effective date of consolidation, the school districts that were consolidated cease to exist. Therefore, a newly consolidated school district does not have enough performance data for DPI to measure the consolidated school district's improvement. Under the current framework, DPI assigns a newly consolidated school district a placeholder of "N/A" on its report card until DPI has enough data to determine the consolidated school

