



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 938

March 8, 2004 - Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, GARD and ALBERS.
Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (ae), 115.435 (2m) and 115.436 of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** providing additional state aid to certain large-area, declining
3 enrollment school districts, granting rule-making authority, and making an
4 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a school district with an area of at least 200 square miles and an enrollment of fewer than 500 pupils, and in which at least 80 percent of the real property is exempt from taxation, is taxed as forest cropland, or is tribal land, is eligible for supplemental state aid of \$350 per enrolled pupil.

This bill provides that, if in any fiscal year the amount appropriated for supplemental aid is not fully expended, the balance will be used to provide a payment of \$350 per enrolled pupil to any school district that is at least 475 square miles in area and that experienced a decline in enrollment of more than 12 percent between the 2000-01 school year and the 2003-04 school year.

The bill also creates a separate categorical aid program that provides \$500 per pupil to the same school districts.

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:

