



2003 SENATE BILL 219

July 30, 2003 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, WELCH, REYNOLDS, KANAVAS, STEPP and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives JENSEN, ZIEGELBAUER, VUKMIR, GROTHMAN, HAHN, MCCORMICK, J. WOOD, NISCHKE, HINES, VAN ROY, OTT, NASS, VRAKAS, ALBERS, OWENS, TOWNS and JESKEWITZ. Referred to Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 119.23 (2) (a) 2. and 119.23 (2) (b); *to amend* 119.23 (2) (a)
2 (intro.); and *to create* 119.23 (2) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility for
3 participation in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a pupil is eligible to participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) if he or she is a member of a family that has a total family income that does not exceed 175% of the federal poverty level. This bill provides that a pupil who participates in the MPCP may continue to participate in subsequent years even if the pupil's family income rises above the threshold.

Under current law, a pupil may participate in the MPCP only if, in the previous school year, the pupil was enrolled in the Milwaukee Public Schools, was attending a private school under the MPCP, was enrolled in grades kindergarten to three in a private school located in the city of Milwaukee other than under the MPCP, or was not enrolled in school. This bill eliminates this eligibility requirement.

Under current law, no more than 15% of a school district's enrollment may attend private schools under the MPCP. This bill eliminates this restriction.

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:

