1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 231

March 23, 1999 – Introduced by Representative WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

AN ACT *to repeal* 118.40 (2r) (c) 3.; and *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (c) 2. of the statutes;

relating to: eligibility to attend a charter school established by the city of

Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee or the Milwaukee Area

Technical College.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a charter school is exempt from most laws governing public schools. A charter school may be established by filing a petition with a school district requesting the school board to enter into a contract with a person to establish and operate a charter school or by a school board's initiating such a contract. In addition, current law authorizes the city of Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Area Technical College, to initiate a contract with an individual or group to operate a school as a charter school or to establish and independently operate charter schools. A pupil residing in the Milwaukee public school district may attend a charter school established by one of the Milwaukee entities only if, in the previous school year, one of the following applied:

- 1. The pupil was enrolled in the Milwaukee public schools.
- 2. The pupil was attending a private school under the Milwaukee parental choice program.
- 3. The pupil was enrolled in grades kindergarten to 3 in a private school, located in the city of Milwaukee, other than under the Milwaukee parental choice program.
 - 4. The pupil was not enrolled in school.

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5. The pupil was enrolled in a charter school established by one of the Milwaukee entities.

Beginning in the 2000–01 school year, this bill allows a pupil who was attending a private school located in the city of Milwaukee, regardless of the grade attended or whether the private school was participating in the Milwaukee parental choice program, to attend a charter school established by one of the Milwaukee entities.

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:

- **SECTION 1.** 118.40 (2r) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 118.40 (2r) (c) 2. In the previous school year, the pupil was attending a private
- 3 school under s. 119.23 located in the city of Milwaukee.
- **SECTION 2.** 118.40 (2r) (c) 3. of the statutes is repealed.
- 5 Section 3. Initial applicability.
- 6 (1) This act first applies to pupils attending charter schools in the 2000–01 school year.
- 8 Section 4. Effective date.
- 9 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2000.
- 10 (END)