

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 660

January 19, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives UNDERHEIM, GROTHMAN, MUSSER and RYBA, cosponsored by Senators DARLING and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 119.04 (1); and *to create* 115.28 (45), 120.12 (27) and 121.91
2 (4) (h) of the statutes; **relating to:** measuring a pupil's awareness of individual
3 words in sounds and school district revenue limits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a school board to administer to each pupil enrolled in a 5-year-old kindergarten program a standardized test that measures the pupil's awareness of individual sounds in words (phonological awareness test) and to report to the department of public instruction (DPI) the results on the third grade reading examination and the reading portion of the fourth grade assessment for those pupils whose score on the phonological awareness test shows that they are at risk for developing reading problems. The bill also requires DPI to report the results of the phonological awareness test by school district to the legislature and to make these results available to the public.

Current law generally limits the increase in the total amount of revenue that a school district may receive from general school aids and property taxes to approximately \$212 per pupil in the 1999–2000 school year and, in subsequent school years, to the amount of revenue increase allowed per pupil in the previous school year increased by the percentage change in the consumer price index. This bill increases a school district's revenue limit by an amount equal to the administrative and reporting costs of the phonological awareness test.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (45) of the statutes is created to read:

2 115.28 **(45)** REPORT ON PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS. Annually, by September 15,
3 report by school district the results in the previous school year under s. 120.12 (27)
4 (b) to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) and make these results available to the public
5 for inspection upon request.

6 **SECTION 2.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 77, is
7 amended to read:

8 119.04 **(1)** Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.03 (3) (c),
9 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343, 115.345, 115.361, 115.38
10 (2), 115.45, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.06, 118.07, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125 to 118.14,
11 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18, 118.19,
12 118.20, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6) and (8), 118.245, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.30
13 to 118.43, 118.51, 118.52, 118.55, 120.12 (5) and (15) to ~~(25)~~ (27), 120.125, 120.13 (1),
14 (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34) and (35) and 120.14 are applicable to a
15 1st class city school district and board.

16 **SECTION 3.** 120.12 (27) of the statutes is created to read:

17 120.12 **(27)** PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS. Do all of the following:

18 (a) Annually, by September 15, administer to each pupil enrolled in a
19 5-year-old kindergarten program a standardized test that measures a pupil's
20 awareness of individual sounds in words.

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1 (b) Annually, by June 30, report to the department the results on the
2 examination under s. 121.02 (1) (r) and the results on the reading portion of the
3 examination under s. 118.30 (1m) for those pupils whose score on the test under par.
4 (a) shows that they are at risk for developing reading problems.

5 **SECTION 4.** 121.91 (4) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

6 121.91 **(4)** (h) The limit otherwise applicable to a school district's revenue under
7 sub. (2m) in any school year is increased by an amount equal to the administrative
8 and reporting costs of the phonological awareness test under s. 120.12 (27).

9 **SECTION 5. Effective date.**

10 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2001.

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