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1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 281 

April 22, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives J. Lehman, Sinicki, Plouff, Black, Gronemus, Sykora and Wasserman, cosponsored by Senators Grobschmidt and Plache. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Pg1Ln1 **An Act** to amend 121.91 (2m) (d) (intro.); and to create 121.91 (7) of the statutes;
Pg1Ln2 relating to: adjusting a school district's revenue limit for unanticipated
Pg1Ln3 expenditures and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference BureauAB281 


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 \$209 per pupil in the 1998-99 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.

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This bill increases the school district's revenue limit in any school year by an amount equal to the sum of the school district's unanticipated expenditures in the previous school year. An unanticipated expenditure is an expenditure for any of the following purposes that exceeds the school district's average expenditures for that purpose for the three previous school years: utilities, maintenance, security, debt service on obligations issued to pay the costs of complying with federal laws and regulations, transportation, inservice related to educational technology changes in the curriculum, legal expense, development of peer review or mentoring programs for school district staff, special assessments for public improvements, and any other purpose specified by the department of public instruction by administrative rule.


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:

AB281, s. 1 

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Section 1. 121.91 (2m) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:


AB281, s. 1 - continued 

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121.91 (2m) (d) (intro.) Except as provided in subs. (3) ~~and (4)~~ to (7), no school district may increase its revenues for the 1998-99 school year or for any school year thereafter to an amount that exceeds the amount calculated as follows:

AB281, s. 2 

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Section 2. 121.91 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

AB281, s. 2 - continued 


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121.91 (7) (a) In this subsection, "unanticipated expenditure" means an expenditure for any of the following purposes that exceeds the school district's average expenditures for that purpose in the 3 previous school years, as determined by the state superintendent:

AB281, s. 2 - continued 


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1. Utilities.

AB281, s. 2 - continued 


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2. Maintenance.

AB281, s. 2 - continued 

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3. Security.

AB281, s. 2 - continued 

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4. Debt service on obligations issued to pay the costs of complying with federal laws and regulations.

AB281, s. 2 - continued 


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5. Transportation.


AB281, s. 2 - continued 


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6. Inservice related to educational technology changes in the curriculum.


Pg2Ln17 AB281, s. 2 - continued 
7. Legal expense.


Pg2Ln18 AB281, s. 2 - continued 
8. Development of peer review or mentoring programs for school district staff.

Pg2Ln19 AB281, s. 2 - continued 
9. Special assessments for public improvements.

Pg2Ln20 AB281, s. 2 - continued 
10. Any other purpose specified by the department by rule.

Pg3Ln1 AB281, s. 2 - continued 
Pg3Ln2 (b) Upon request by a school board, the state superintendent shall increase the
Pg3Ln3 school district's limit under sub. (2m) in any school year by an amount equal to the
sum of the school district's unanticipated expenditures in the previous school year.

Pg3Ln4 AB281, s. 3 
Section 3. Initial applicability.

Pg3Ln5 AB281, s. 3 - continued 
Pg3Ln6 (1) This act first applies to a school district's revenue limit for the school year
Pg3Ln7 beginning after the effective date of this subsection.
(End)

Ways & Means Committee
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Relating Clause: adjusting a school district's revenue limit for unanticipated expenditures and granting rule-making authority.

Comments from Department of Revenue-

Comments from the Author-

Author's reasoning for introducing legislation:

Author's intent:

To grant school districts some breathing room under the revenue caps to cover unforeseen, "unanticipated" expenses. These expenses would include utilities, maintenance, security, debt service on obligations issued to pay the costs of complying with federal laws and regulations, transportation, etc...

Does the Author want the legislation moved forward?

Yes No

If no, do we have this in writing?

Yes No

Is the legislation in its final form?

Yes No

If major changes are required, the author shall prepare and introduce the necessary amendments.

Comments from potentially affected parties-
