

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 43

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 44.73 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** the educational
2 telecommunications access program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law directs the technology for educational achievement in Wisconsin board to provide grants, until June 30, 2002, to school districts and private schools for data lines and video links in existence on October 14, 1997. This bill repeals the sunset date of June 30, 2002.

For further information see the *state* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 44.73 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 44.73 **(6)** From the appropriation under s. 20.275 (1) (s) or (tm), the board may
5 award an annual grant to a school district or private school that had in effect on
6 October 14, 1997, a contract for access to a data line or video link, as documented by
7 the board. The board shall determine the amount of the grant, which shall be equal

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1 to the cost incurred by the state to provide telecommunications access to a school
2 district or private school under a contract entered into under s. 16.974 (7) (a) or (c)
3 less the amount that the school district or private school would be paying under sub.
4 (2) (d) if the school district or private school were participating in the program
5 established under sub. (1), except that the amount may not be greater than the cost
6 that a school district or private school incurs under the contract in effect on
7 October 14, 1997. A school district or private school receiving a grant under this
8 subsection is not eligible to participate in the program under sub. (1). ~~No grant may~~
9 ~~be awarded under this subsection after June 30, 2002.~~

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