2001 SENATE BILL 154

April 25, 2001 – Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Decker, Moen, Huelsman, Plache, Schultz, Roessler, Robson and Cowles, cosponsored by Representatives Pettis, Leibham, Wade, Hundertmark, Kestell, Starzyk, Albers, Olsen, Skindrud, Musser, Ainsworth, Owens, Kreibich, Johnsrud, Hahn, Petrowski, Ladwig, Seratti and Ott. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 121.08 (4) (c); and to amend 121.08 (4) (a) 2. and 3., 121.08 (4)
- 2 (b) and 121.08 (4) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** funding the Milwaukee 3 parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the Milwaukee parental choice program (MPCP) the department of public instruction (DPI) pays the cost of children from low-income families to attend, at no charge, private schools located in the city of Milwaukee. In addition, DPI must reduce the general school aids for which the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is eligible by one-half of the amount necessary to fund MPCP and must reduce general school aids for which all other school districts are eligible proportionately by an amount totaling the other half.

This bill requires DPI to reduce the general school aid for which MPS is eligible by the entire amount necessary to fund MPCP and repeals the requirement that general school aids for other school districts be reduced by half the amount necessary to fund MPCP.

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:

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1	SECTION 1. 121.08 (4) (a) 2. and 3. of the statutes are amended to read:
2	121.08 (4) (a) 2. Divide the sum under subd. 1. by the total amount of state aid
3	that all school districts are eligible to be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.255
4	(2) (ac), calculated as if the reduction under par. (c) had not occurred.
5	3. Multiply the amount of state aid that the school district is eligible to be paid
6	from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ac), calculated as if the reduction under
7	par. (c) had not occurred, by the quotient under subd. 2.
8	SECTION 2. 121.08 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	121.08 (4) (b) The amount of state aid that the school district operating under
10	ch. 119 is eligible to be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ac) shall also
11	be reduced by 50% of the amounts paid under s. 119.23 (4) and (4m) in the current
12	school year.
13	SECTION 3. 121.08 (4) (c) of the statutes is repealed.
14	SECTION 4. 121.08 (4) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
15	121.08 (4) (d) The state superintendent shall ensure that aid paid to school
16	districts other than the school district operating under ch. 119 is neither reduced nor
17	increased as a result of the reduction in aid under par. (b) and that the total amount
18	of aid reduction under pars. (a) to (c) and (b) lapses to the general fund.
19	SECTION 5. Initial applicability.
20	(1) This act first applies to state aid paid in the school year beginning after the
21	effective date of this subsection.
22	(END)