

2001 SENATE BILL 255

September 26, 2001 – Introduced by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, MOORE, GEORGE, BURKE, PLACHE, SHIBILSKI and MOEN, cosponsored by Representatives RILEY, RICHARDS, GRONEMUS, TURNER, SINICKI, MUSSER, CULLEN, MILLER, LA FAVE, KRUG, BLACK, POCAN and YOUNG. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 121.004 (7) (cm); and **to amend** 121.004 (7) (c) 1. a. and b.,
2 121.004 (7) (c) 2., 121.004 (7) (f) and 121.86 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 **modifying the manner in which a pupil enrolled in a 4-year-old kindergarten**
4 **program is counted for state aid.**

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a school district other than a union high school district must operate a five-year-old kindergarten program. A pupil enrolled in a five-year-old kindergarten program offering 437 hours of instruction annually is counted for state aid as one-half pupil, a pupil enrolled in a five-year-old kindergarten program requiring full-day attendance for five days a week for an entire school year is counted as one pupil, and a pupil enrolled in a five-year-old kindergarten program requiring full-day attendance for less than five days a week for an entire school year is counted according to the time scheduled for the program. A school district is not required to operate a four-year-old kindergarten program. If it does and the program provides 437 hours of direct pupil instruction, an enrolled pupil is counted as one-half pupil. If in addition it offers 87.5 hours of outreach activity, an enrolled pupil is counted as 0.6 pupil. If a four-year-old kindergarten program requires more than 437 hours of direct pupil instruction, an enrolled pupil is still counted as either one-half pupil or 0.6 pupil. If a school district operates a four-year-old kindergarten program requiring fewer than 437 hours of direct pupil instruction, the pupil is not counted at all for state aid.

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This bill counts four-year-old kindergarten pupils in the same manner as five-year-old kindergarten pupils are currently counted.

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.** 121.004 (7) (c) 1. a. and b. of the statutes are amended to read:

2 121.004 (7) (c) 1. a. A pupil enrolled in a 5-year-old kindergarten program
3 requiring full-day attendance for 5 days a week for an entire school year shall be
4 counted as one pupil.

5 b. A pupil enrolled in a 5-year-old kindergarten program requiring full-day
6 attendance for less than 5 days a week for an entire school year shall be counted as
7 the result obtained by multiplying the number of hours in each day in which the pupil
8 is enrolled by the total number of days for which the pupil is enrolled, and dividing
9 the result by the product of the number of hours of attendance per day required of
10 first grade pupils in the school district multiplied by 180.

11 **SECTION 2.** 121.004 (7) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 121.004 (7) (c) 2. In subd. 1. a. and b., “full-day” means the length of the school
13 day for pupils in the first grade of the school district operating the 5-year-old
14 kindergarten program.

15 **SECTION 3.** 121.004 (7) (cm) of the statutes is repealed.

16 **SECTION 4.** 121.004 (7) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 121.004 (7) (f) A pupil who transfers from one school district to another under
18 s. 121.85 (3) (a) shall be counted by the school district in which the pupil resides as
19 0.75 pupil or, if appropriate, as a number equal to the result obtained by multiplying
20 0.75 by the appropriate fraction under par. (c), ~~(cm)~~ or (d).

