

2003 SENATE BILL 242

September 10, 2003 – Introduced by Senators STEPP, KANAVAS, ROESSLER, REYNOLDS and A. LASEE, cosponsored by Representatives LADWIG, JENSEN, KERKMAN, MCCORMICK, HINES, KRAWCZYK, F. LASEE, M. LEHMAN, NASS, NISCHKE, OWENS, SERATTI and HAHN. Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the enrollment
2 of the charter school established by the University of Wisconsin–Parkside.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, school boards may enter into contracts with individuals, groups, businesses, or governmental bodies to establish charter schools, which operate with fewer constraints than traditional public schools. Current law also permits the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin–Parkside, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the city of Milwaukee to operate charter schools (independent charter schools) directly or to contract for the operation of charter schools.

For the University of Wisconsin–Parkside charter school, current law limits the enrollment to 400 pupils. This bill increases the limit to 480 pupils beginning in the 2004–05 school year.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.40 (2r) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 118.40 **(2r)** (cm) The chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Parkside may
5 establish or enter into a contract for the establishment of only one charter school

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1 under this subsection, which may not operate high school grades and which may not
2 accommodate more than 400 480 pupils.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies in the 2004–05 school year.

5 (END)