

## 2003 SENATE BILL 25

February 5, 2003 – Introduced by Senators REYNOLDS, DARLING, STEPP and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives CULLEN, KRUG, LADWIG, STONE, BIES, HINES, KRAWCZYK, PLOUFF, AINSWORTH, TOWNSEND, OLSEN, M. LEHMAN, ZIEGELBAUER, WASSERMAN, MUSSER, J. WOOD, RICHARDS and GUNDERSON. Referred to Committee on Education, Ethics and Elections.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 118.51 (5) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** open enrollment in  
2 public schools and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under the open enrollment program, a pupil may attend any public school located outside of his or her school district of residence if the pupil's parent or guardian complies with certain procedures and meets certain application deadlines. School boards' acceptance and rejection criteria for open enrollment applications may include, among other things, availability of space. A school board may include in its count of occupied spaces pupils and siblings of pupils who are already attending school in the nonresident school district. In addition, if the school board of a nonresident school district receives more applications than there are spaces available, the school board must determine on a random basis which pupils to accept, after giving preference to pupils and siblings of pupils who are already attending school in the school district.

This bill allows the school board of a nonresident school district to create a waiting list for open enrollment.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

