

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 476

August 2, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives VRUWINK, ZEPNICK, FIELDS, OWENS, MURSAU, PETROWSKI and MUSSER, cosponsored by Senators LASSA and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** eligibility for the public school Open Enrollment Program
2 for certain residents of neighboring school districts who wish to attend the
3 Auburndale School District.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, under the full-time Open Enrollment Program, a pupil may apply to attend a public school in a school district other than the pupil's resident school district if certain conditions are met. The deadline for submitting an application to the nonresident school district that a pupil wishes to attend is the third Friday following the first Monday in February in the school year preceding the school year of attendance.

St. Mary's Catholic School, in Auburndale, Wisconsin, closed at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

This bill allows the parents of a pupil who attended St. Mary's Catholic School in the 2006-07 school year and who is not a resident of the Auburndale School District to apply, within five days after the effective date of this bill, to attend a public school in the Auburndale School District under the Open Enrollment Program.

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:

ASSEMBLY BILL 476**SECTION 1****1 SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2 (1) OPEN ENROLLMENT PROGRAM; EXTENSION OF APPLICATION PERIOD.

3 Notwithstanding section 118.51 (3) of the statutes, the following timeline applies to
4 the parent of a pupil who does not reside in the Auburndale School District, who
5 attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Auburndale, Wisconsin, in the 2006–07 school
6 year, and who wishes to attend a public school in the Auburndale School District in
7 the 2007–08 school year under section 118.51 of the statutes:

8 (a) The parent shall submit an application to the school board of the
9 Auburndale School District within 5 days after the effective date of this paragraph.
10 Upon receipt of the application, the Auburndale school board shall send a copy to the
11 school board of the school district in which the pupil resides and the department of
12 public instruction.

13 (b) Not before the 6th day after the effective date of this paragraph, but by the
14 12th day after the effective date of this paragraph:

15 1. The Auburndale school board shall notify the applicant whether it has
16 accepted the pupil and, if it has accepted the pupil, the specific school or program that
17 the pupil may attend in the 2007–08 school year.

18 2. If the school board of the school district in which the pupil resides denies a
19 pupil's enrollment in the Auburndale School District, it shall notify the applicant and
20 the Auburndale school board.

21 (c) Within 7 days after receiving notice of acceptance under paragraph (b) 1.,
22 the pupil's parent shall notify the Auburndale school board of the pupil's intent to
23 attend school in that school district in the 2007–08 school year.

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1 (d) By September 1, 2007, the Auburndale school board shall report the names
2 of the pupils accepted for attendance in the 2007–08 school year under this
3 subsection to the school boards of the school districts in which the pupils reside.

4 (END)