

**2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 506**

September 14, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives HUEBSCH, J. FITZGERALD and RHOADES.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 79.14, 115.341 (1), 121.58 (2) (a) 4., 121.905 (1), 121.91 (2m)  
2 (e) (intro.), 121.91 (4) (f) 1., 121.91 (4) (f) 1m. b. and 121.91 (4) (f) 1m. c.; and **to**  
3 **create** 20.255 (2) (dn), 115.28 (44) and 121.91 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
4 state finances and appropriations for state school aids for the 2007–09 fiscal  
5 biennium, school district revenue limits, school safety grants, the pupil  
6 transportation reimbursement rate, the school breakfast reimbursement rate,  
7 county and municipal aid, the school levy property tax credit, and making  
8 appropriations.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

**EDUCATION**

This bill repeals and recreates the appropriation schedule in chapter 20 of the statutes as it relates to s. 20.255 (1) (b) and (2), stats., thereby setting the appropriation levels for school aids for the 2007–09 fiscal biennium.

The bill also makes the following changes in the laws relating to primary and secondary education:

1. Current law limits the amount that each school district can increase per pupil revenue over the per pupil revenue of the prior school year. The limit does not apply to school districts in which the amount of per pupil revenue is less than a

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statutory revenue ceiling, currently set at \$8,400. This bill increases the per pupil revenue ceiling to \$8,700 for the 2007–08 school year and to \$9,000 for any subsequent school year.

2. This bill increases the annual reimbursement rate for school districts that transport pupils more than 12 miles to school from \$180 per pupil so transported to \$220 per pupil so transported.

3. This bill authorizes the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to make grants to reimburse school districts for costs allowable under the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act but not paid under that act. If funds in any fiscal year are insufficient to pay all claims, the funds are prorated among eligible school districts.

4. Currently, if a school district's enrollment is declining, its revenue limit is increased by the amount of additional revenue that would have been calculated had the decline in enrollment been 25 percent of what it was. This bill increases the district's revenue limit by the additional amount that would have been calculated had there been no decline in enrollment.

5. The bill provides that if a school district's revenue limit, after consideration of the per pupil adjustment and low revenue ceiling but before any other adjustments, is less than the district's base revenue from the previous school year, the district's initial revenue limit would be set at the prior year's base revenue.

6. Under current law, the state reimburses school boards and private schools 10 cents for each breakfast served under the School Breakfast Program. This bill raises the reimbursement rate to 15 cents.

**SHARED REVENUE**

The bill repeals and recreates the appropriation schedule in chapter 20 of the statutes as it relates to s. 20.835 (1) (db), stats., thereby setting the appropriation levels for county and municipal aid payments for the 2007–09 fiscal biennium.

**SCHOOL LEVY TAX CREDIT**

Under current law, the total amount of the school levy property tax credit that is distributed each year to municipalities, and ultimately to taxpayers, is \$593,050,000. Under the bill, the total amount of the school levy property tax credit that is distributed to municipalities in 2009 and in each year thereafter is \$793,050,000.

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:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes, as it affects 20.255 (1) (b) of  
2 the statutes, is repealed and recreated to read:

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STATUTE, AGENCY AND PURPOSE	SOURCE	TYPE	2007-08	2008-09
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1 **20.255 Public instruction, department of**

2 (1) EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

3 (b) Gen pgm ops: program for the deaf

4 and center for the blind GPR A 11,478,400 11,485,900

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes, as it affects 20.255 (2) of the  
6 statutes, is repealed and recreated to read:

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7 **20.255 Public instruction, department of**

8 (2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

9 (ac) General equalization aids GPR A 4,802,065,100 4,878,821,100

10 (ad) Supplemental aid GPR A 125,000 125,000

11 (b) Aids for special education and

12 school age parents programs GPR A 350,192,500 368,939,100

13 (bc) Aid for children-at-risk programs GPR A 3,500,000 3,500,000

14 (bd) Additional special education aid GPR A 3,500,000 3,500,000

15 (bh) Aid to county children with

16 disabilities education boards GPR A 4,214,800 4,214,800

17 (cc) Bilingual-bicultural education aids GPR A 9,890,400 9,890,400

18 (ce) English for Southeast Asian

19 children GPR A 100,000 100,000

20 (cf) Alternative education grants GPR A 5,000,000 5,000,000

21 (cg) Tuition payments; full-time open

22 enrollment transfer payments GPR A 9,491,000 9,491,000

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	<b>STATUTE, AGENCY AND PURPOSE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
1	(cm) Reimbursement for school				
2	breakfast programs	GPR	C	2,513,500	2,890,600
3	(cn) Aids for school lunches and				
4	nutritional improvement	GPR	A	4,371,100	4,371,100
5	(cp) Wisconsin school day milk program	GPR	A	710,600	710,600
6	(cr) Aid for pupil transportation	GPR	A	27,292,500	27,292,500
7	(cs) Aid for debt service	GPR	A	150,000	150,000
8	(cu) Achievement guarantee contracts	GPR	A	111,984,100	111,984,100
9	(cw) Aid for transportation; youth				
10	options program	GPR	A	20,000	20,000
11	(cy) Aid for transportation; open				
12	enrollment	GPR	A	500,000	500,000
13	(dm) Grants for alcohol & other drug				
14	abuse prevention & intervention				
15	programs	GPR	A	4,520,000	4,520,000
16	(dn) School safety grants	GPR	A	-0-	10,000,000
17	(do) Grants for preschool to grade 5				
18	programs	GPR	A	7,353,700	7,353,700
19	(eh) Head start supplement	GPR	A	7,212,500	7,212,500
20	(ep) Second Chance partnership	GPR	S	147,500	147,500
21	(fg) Aid for cooperative educational				
22	service agencies	GPR	A	300,000	300,000
23	(fk) Grant program for peer review and				
24	mentoring	GPR	A	500,000	500,000

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	<b>STATUTE, AGENCY AND PURPOSE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	
1	(fm) Charter schools	GPR	S	44,179,000	48,804,000	
2	(fu) Milwaukee parental choice program	GPR	S	118,980,000	127,604,000	
3	(fw) Grants for advanced placement					
4	courses	GPR	A	100,000	100,000	
5	(fy) Grants to support gifted and					
6	talented pupils	GPR	A	182,000	182,000	
7	(k) Funds transferred from other state					
8	agencies; local aids	PR-S	C	9,519,100	9,519,100	
9	(kd) Aid for alcohol and other drug					
10	abuse programs	PR-S	A	1,518,600	1,518,600	
11	(kg) Mentoring grants for initial					
12	educators	GPR	A	1,350,000	1,350,000	
13	(m) Federal aids; local aid	PR-F	C	554,443,200	556,751,000	
14	(s) School library aids	SEG	C	35,000,000	40,000,000	
	<b>(2) PROGRAM TOTALS</b>					
	GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES			5,520,445,300	5,639,574,000	
	PROGRAM REVENUE			565,480,900	567,788,700	
	FEDERAL			(554,443,200)	(556,751,000)	
	SERVICE			(11,037,700)	(11,037,700)	
	SEGREGATED FUNDS			35,000,000	40,000,000	
	OTHER			(35,000,000)	(40,000,000)	
	TOTAL-ALL SOURCES			6,085,926,200	6,207,362,700	

15           **SECTION 3.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes, as it affects 20.835 (1) (db) of  
16 the statutes, is repealed and recreated to read:

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STATUTE, AGENCY AND PURPOSE	SOURCE	TYPE	2007-08	2008-09
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1 **20.835 Shared revenue and tax relief**

2 (1) SHARED REVENUE PAYMENTS

3 (db) County and municipal aid account	GPR	S	854,703,200	854,703,200
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4 **SECTION 4.** 20.255 (2) (dn) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.255 (2) (dn) *School safety grants.* The amounts in the schedule for grants  
6 to school districts under s. 115.28 (44).

7 **SECTION 5.** 79.14 of the statutes is amended to read:

8 **79.14 School levy tax credit.** The appropriation under s. 20.835 (3) (b) is  
9 \$319,305,000 in 1994, 1995, and 1996; \$469,305,000 beginning in 1997 and ending  
10 in 2006; and \$593,050,000 beginning in 2007 and ending in 2008; and \$793,050,000  
11 in each year thereafter.

12 **SECTION 6.** 115.28 (44) of the statutes is created to read:

13 115.28 (44) SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS. From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2)  
14 (dn), annually award grants to reimburse school districts for costs allowable under  
15 the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 USC 7101 to 7165,  
16 but not paid under that act. If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dn) in any fiscal  
17 year is insufficient to pay all claims under this subsection, the funds shall be  
18 prorated among the school districts entitled to the funds.

19 **SECTION 7.** 115.341 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 115.341 (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cm), the state  
21 superintendent shall reimburse each school board ~~10~~ 15 cents for each breakfast  
22 served at a school that meets the requirements of 7 CFR 220.8 or 220.8a, whichever  
23 is applicable, and shall reimburse each governing body of a private school ~~10~~ 15 cents

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1 for each breakfast served at the private school that meets the requirements of 7 CFR  
2 220.8 or 220.8a, whichever is applicable.

3 **SECTION 8.** 121.58 (2) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 121.58 (2) (a) 4. For each pupil so transported whose residence is more than  
5 12 miles from the school attended, \$150 ~~\$180~~ per school year in the ~~2005–06~~ 2006–07  
6 school year and \$180 ~~\$220~~ per school year thereafter.

7 **SECTION 9.** 121.905 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 121.905 (1) In this section, “revenue ceiling” means \$8,100 ~~\$8,700~~ in the  
9 ~~2005–06~~ 2007–08 school year and \$8,400 ~~\$9,000~~ in any subsequent school year.

10 **SECTION 10.** 121.91 (2m) (e) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 121.91 (2m) (e) (intro.) Except as provided in subs. (3) ~~and~~, (4), and (8), no  
12 school district may increase its revenues for the 1999–2000 school year or for any  
13 school year thereafter to an amount that exceeds the amount calculated as follows:

14 **SECTION 11.** 121.91 (4) (f) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 121.91 (4) (f) 1. Except as provided in subd. 1m., for the ~~1999–2000~~ 2007–08  
16 school year or any school year thereafter, if the average of the number of pupils  
17 enrolled in the current and the 2 preceding school years is less than the average of  
18 the number of pupils enrolled in the 3 previous school years, the limit otherwise  
19 applicable under sub. (2m) (e) is increased by the additional amount that would have  
20 been calculated had the there been no decline in average enrollment ~~been 25% of~~  
21 ~~what it was.~~

22 **SECTION 12.** 121.91 (4) (f) 1m. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 121.91 (4) (f) 1m. b. For the school year beginning on the first July 1 following  
24 the effective date of the school district reorganization, if the number of pupils  
25 enrolled in that school year is less than the number of pupils enrolled in the previous

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1 school year, the limit otherwise applicable under sub. (2m) (e) is increased by the  
2 additional amount that would have been calculated had the there been no decline in  
3 enrollment ~~been 25 percent of what it was.~~

4 **SECTION 13.** 121.91 (4) (f) 1m. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 121.91 (4) (f) 1m. c. For the school year beginning on the 2nd July 1 following  
6 the effective date of the school district reorganization, if the average of the number  
7 of pupils enrolled in that school year and the previous school year is less than the  
8 average of the number of pupils enrolled in the 2 previous school years, the limit  
9 otherwise applicable under sub. (2m) (e) is increased by the additional amount that  
10 would have been calculated had the there been no decline in average enrollment ~~been~~  
11 ~~25 percent of what it was.~~

12 **SECTION 14.** 121.91 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

13 121.91 (8) If a school district's initial revenue limit for the current school year,  
14 as calculated under s. 121.905 or sub. (2m) (e), whichever is appropriate, before  
15 making any adjustments under sub. (3) or (4), is less than the amount determined  
16 by multiplying the amount under sub. (2m) (e) 1. by the average of the number of  
17 pupils enrolled in the 3 preceding school years, the school district's initial revenue  
18 limit for the current school year, before making any adjustments under sub. (3) or (4),  
19 is the amount determined by multiplying the amount under sub. (2m) (e) 1. by the  
20 average of the number of pupils enrolled in the 3 preceding school years. Any  
21 additional revenue received by a school district as a result of this subsection shall not  
22 be included in the base for determining the school district's limit under sub. (2m) for  
23 the following school year.

24 **SECTION 9337. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.**



