2007 SENATE BILL 495

February 15, 2008 – Introduced by Senators Lassa and Hansen, cosponsored by Representatives Mason, Boyle, Parisi, Pope-Roberts, Sheridan, Soletski, Turner and Young. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 AN ACT to create 20.255 (2) (em) and 115.353 of the statutes; relating to:
- providing services to homeless public school pupils and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Public Instruction in order to enable school districts to provide services to homeless pupils. Under the bill, each school district annually receives \$100 for each homeless pupil enrolled in the school district. The school district must use the funds to provide services to homeless pupils in order to enable them to attend and succeed in school, and to develop and implement professional development programs for school district personnel to heighten their awareness of, and capacity to respond to, problems in the education of homeless pupils.

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:

- **SECTION 1.** 20.255 (2) (em) of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 20.255 (2) (em) Grants for services to homeless pupils. A sum sufficient for
- 6 grants to school districts to provide services to homeless pupils under s. 115.353.

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SECTION 2. 115.353 of the statutes is created to read:
115.353 Assistance to schools for services to homeless pupils. (1) In this
section, "homeless pupils" means homeless children and youth, as defined in 42 USC
11434a.
(2) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (em), annually the department
shall pay to each school district an amount equal to \$100 multiplied by the number
of homeless pupils who are enrolled in the school district. The school board shall use
the funds for the following purposes:
(a) Providing services that enable homeless pupils to attend and succeed in
school.
(b) Developing and implementing professional development programs for
school district personnel to heighten their awareness of, and capacity to respond to,
problems in the education of homeless pupils.
Section 3. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2008.

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