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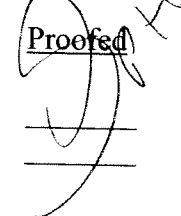
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**Grant, Peter**

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**From:** Clark, Fred  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2010 2:15 PM  
**To:** Grant, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: School Efficiency and Consolidation Study Grants

Peter:

Thanks. Yes we want to resurrect the previous study grant program, with a second provision for efficiency. Would like the efficiency study grants to stand alone such that a district clearly applies for one or the other, and so the efficiency grants are subject to 50% match - or cover 50% of actual cost.

On second thought lets have both grants apply only to two or more districts.

Thanks - please call me cell any time of needed (608) 697-2226

Have a good weekend

Fred

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**From:** Grant, Peter  
**Sent:** Thu 2/11/2010 9:59 AM  
**To:** Clark, Fred  
**Subject:** RE: School Efficiency and Consolidation Study Grants

Yes, this is sufficient guidance to start drafting. Just let me know how much money you want to appropriate and whether you want to reduce funding provided elsewhere.

I assumed that you wanted to "resurrect" the program that sunsetted at the end of the 2008-09 school year that awarded grants to consortia of two or more school districts to study the feasibility of consolidating the districts. We can easily add the additional areas of study (improve efficiency, reduce costs), but as structured, the grants may be awarded only to two or more school districts applying jointly. Do you want to allow single districts to apply for a grant to improve efficiency?

Peter

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2010 8:17 AM  
**To:** Grant, Peter  
**Cc:** Stafford, Beau

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**Grant, Peter**

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**From:** Clark, Fred  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 11:42 AM  
**To:** Grant, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: School Efficiency and Consolidation Study Grants

Peter: At this time we would like the bill to specify that \$50K be available for consolidation studies and 100K be available for efficiency studies, to be taken from the 1.5 Million of school transportation categorical aid that we understand is scheduled to lapse this year.

I know it is short notice, but could you please let me know if it would be possible to have drafts of this and the consolidation dates bill available by end of day Tuesday? We are working to assemble our package for school funding early wednesday AM.

Please call with ?? or comment - 608-697-2226

Thanks

Fred

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Peter:

Here is where we are headed with the consolidation and efficiency study grant bill. Please let me know if this is sufficient guidance to start drafting. We are actively looking for funding and will advise asap.

Fred

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Here is some initial guidance on the efficiency and consolidation bill.

A currently undetermined amount of funding would be made available for award by DPI to school districts to either perform school consolidation studies (\$10,000 per study as provided for by current law), or to perform studies evaluating various actions to improve efficiency and reduce costs between districts.

Funding for school efficiency studies (\$10,000 per study) could be used to evaluate the costs and benefits of combining certain services between two or more districts, such as transportation, sports, food service, special needs education, or educational programming. Funding for school efficiency studies could also be used to evaluate the costs and benefits of actions to increase efficiency within districts. Funding for efficiency studies would be based on a 50% cost share up to a total of \$10,000.

DPI would develop program guidance for efficiency studies modeled on the current consolidation study guidance. A district could apply for one but not both. A district could not apply for efficiency study funds for which other state programs are available (example - focus on energy).

Please improve

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# BILL

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[NOTE: See section 4.02 (2) (br), Drafting Manual, for specific order of standard phrases.]

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*(attached)*

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

**SECTION #.**

Section #. 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (bs) <sup>efficiency and</sup> <sup>(I)</sup> <sup>efficiency and</sup> *School district consolidation grants*. The amounts in the schedule for grants for school district consolidation feasibility studies under ~~2007 Wisconsin Act 20, section 9137 (3k).~~

~~No funds may be encumbered from this appropriation after June 30, 2009.~~ ~~AVAN~~ S. 117.40

History: 1971 c. 42, 56, 125; 1971 c. 152 s. 38; 1971 c. 154 s. 80; 1971 c. 211 ss. 24, 126; 1971 c. 215; 1973 c. 89 s. 20 (2); 1973 c. 90, 190, 243, 300, 307, 333, 336; 1975 c. 39 ss. 97 to 109, 732 (1); 1975 c. 105, 220, 224, 395; 1977 c. 26 s. 75; 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 83 s. 26; 1977 c. 418 ss. 88m to 90, 929 (55); 1979 c. 34 ss. 164 to 191, 2102 (43) (a); 1979 c. 221 ss. 96e to 97w, 2200 (43); 1979 c. 331; 1979 c. 346 ss. 9, 15; 1981 c. 20, 86, 169; 1981 c. 314 s. 146; 1983 a. 22 s. 6; 1983 a. 27 ss. 158 to 212, 2200 (42), 2202 (42); 1983 a. 192; 1983 a. 333 s. 6; 1983 a. 370; 1985 a. 29, 56, 75, 120; 1987 a. 27, 339, 399; 1989 a. 31, 56, 114, 122, 269, 299, 309, 336, 359; 1991 a. 32, 39, 196, 269; 1993 a. 16, 168, 367, 377, 437, 454, 458, 490, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 563, 567 to 599, 622, 623, 9145 (1); 1995 a. 49, 227; 1997 a. 27, 113, 164, 237, 252; 1999 a. 9, 185; 2001 a. 16, 57, 105, 109; 2003 a. 33; 2005 a. 25, 43; 2007 a. 20; 2009 a. 11, 28, 58.

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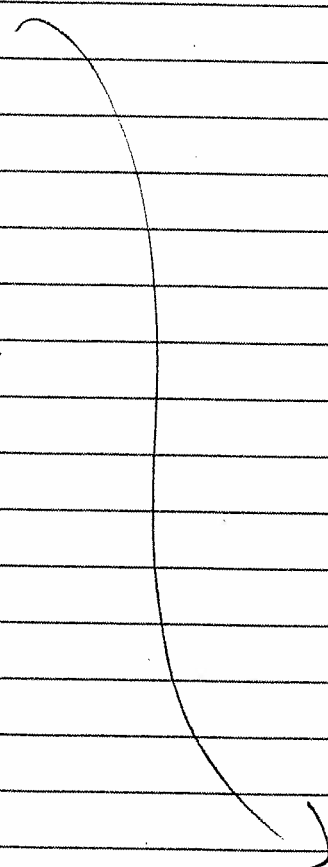
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← from 2007 Wis Act 20

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2007 Senate Bill 40

subsection in an amount equal to \$200,000 or 70 percent of the cost of purchasing the land, whichever is less.

(2u) TERMS OF MEMBERS OF LOWER FOX RIVER REMEDIATION AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding the length of terms specified in section 279.02 (1) of the statutes, as created by this act, the governor shall appoint one of the initial members of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority for a term expiring on June 30, 2009, one of the initial members of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority for a term expiring on June 30, 2010, one of the initial members of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority for a term expiring on June 30, 2011, one of the initial members of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority for a term expiring on June 30, 2012, one of the initial members of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority for a term expiring on June 30, 2013, one of the initial members of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority for a term expiring on June 30, 2014, and one of the initial members of the Lower Fox River Remediation Authority for a term expiring on June 30, 2015.

(2v) SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN FOX RIVER COMMISSION. The department of natural resources shall provide in fiscal year 2007-08, from the appropriation under section 20.370 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as affected by this act, \$250,000 to the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission. The commission may use this funding for activities that are being conducted on the effective date of this subsection and that are consistent with the commission's implementation plan. The activities for which this funding is utilized may include the activities required under section 33.56 (1), (2), and (3) of the statutes.

(3f) GRANT FOR CHELSEA SANITARY DISTRICT. Notwithstanding section 281.58 (8) (g), (8m), and (13) (b) and (c) to (d) of the statutes, in fiscal year 2007-08, the department of natural resources shall provide a clean water fund financial hardship assistance grant of not more than \$80,000 to the Chelsea Sanitary District in Taylor County for sanitary system improvements. Notwithstanding section 281.58 (13) (e), the department shall allocate financial hardship assistance for the Chelsea Sanitary District project before it allocates financial hardship assistance to any other project in fiscal year 2007-08.

(3k) WILDLIFE DAMAGE PLAN. The department of natural resources shall prepare a plan that describes methods for administering the wildlife damage abatement and wildlife damage claim programs in fiscal year 2008-09 so that the amounts expended by the department for those programs, as authorized under section 29.889 of the statutes, do not exceed the revenues received by the department for expenditure under section 29.889 of the statutes. The department of natural resources shall submit the plan to the members of the joint committee on finance no later than January 1, 2008.

(4c) AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT. From the appropriation under section 20.370 (6) (as) of the stat-

utes, as created by this act, the department of natural resources shall provide a \$25,000 grant in fiscal year 2007-08 to the city of Oshkosh under section 23.22 (2) (c) of the statutes, as affected by this act, to fund aquatic invasive species education, prevention, and control activities in Miller's Bay and the adjacent waters of Lake Winnebago. Notwithstanding the cost-sharing requirements specified under section 23.22 (2) (c) of the statutes, as affected by this act, the city of Oshkosh need not make any cost-share contributions to match the grant provided under this subsection.

(4f) DULUTH-SUPERIOR HARBOR STUDY. Of the amounts appropriated under section 20.370 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as affected by this act, and before applying the percentages under section 30.92 (4) (b) 6. of the statutes, the department of natural resources shall provide \$100,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 to the city of Superior for a project to study dock wall corrosion in the Duluth-Superior Harbor. The city of Superior need not contribute any moneys to match the amount expended from the appropriation under section 20.370 (5) (cq) of the statutes, as affected by this act. Notwithstanding section 30.92 (1) (c) and (4) (b) 7. of the statutes, the study of dock wall corrosion in the Duluth-Superior Harbor is a qualifying project for the purpose of expending moneys under this subsection. This project need not be placed on the priority list under section 30.92 (3) (a) of the statutes.

(4g) ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAILS IN NORTHERN HIGHLAND-AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST.

(a) From the appropriation under section 20.370 (1) (ms) of the statutes, as affected by this act, the department of natural resources may spend up to \$504,100 during fiscal year 2007-08 for the development of all-terrain vehicle trails in the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest, subject to paragraph (b).

(b) Expenditures under this subsection shall be approved by the natural resources board.

SECTION 9137. Nonstatutory provisions; Public Instruction

(3k) GRANTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION

(a) A consortium of 2 or more school districts may apply to the department of public instruction for a grant to conduct a school district consolidation feasibility study. The consortium shall submit a plan identifying the school districts engaged in the study, the issues the study will address, and how the grant funds will be expended. A school district may not be a member of more than one consortium.

(b) In the 2008-09 school year, the department of public instruction shall award grants to consortia from the appropriation under section 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes, as created by this act. The department may not award more than \$10,000 to any consortium.

(c) The department of public instruction shall give priority to applications that demonstrate prior attempts to

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in the same school year nor award more than one grant to any consortium in the same school year

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address the underlying issues associated with management and operation of the school districts' programs.

(13)(4) A consortium awarded a grant under paragraph (b) shall submit the results of the study to the department of public instruction.

(4k) SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION STUDY. Notwithstanding section 115.435 of the statutes, the department of public instruction shall, from the appropriation under section 20.255 (2) (ad) of the statutes, as affected by this act, award one or more grants totaling \$30,000 in the 2007-08 fiscal year to the school districts located in Ashland, Price, or Sawyer counties for the purpose of studying consolidation.

(5i) ONE-TIME GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS. From the appropriation account under section 20.255 (3) (a) of the statutes, as created by this act, the department of public instruction shall distribute grants as follows:

(a) Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County. A grant of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County for mentoring in collaboration with the Madison Metropolitan School District.

(b) Latino Community Center. A grant of \$12,500 in fiscal year 2007-08 to the Latino Community Center for a school safety improvement project at South Division High School.

(c) Badger State Science and Engineering Fair. A grant of \$12,500 in fiscal year 2007-08 and in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Badger State Science and Engineering Fair.

(7c) LA CAUSA CHARTER SCHOOL.

(a) Notwithstanding section 196.218 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this act, in the 2007-08 fiscal year the department of public instruction shall pay the amount appropriated under section 20.255 (2) (u) of the statutes, as created by this act, to La Causa Charter School in the city of Milwaukee.

(b) Notwithstanding section 196.218 (3) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this act, the public service commission shall ensure that the contributions from telecommunications providers under that paragraph are sufficient to generate the amount appropriated under section 20.255 (2) (u) of the statutes, as created by this act.

**SECTION 9139. Nonstatutory provisions; Public Service Commission.**

(1f) PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS FUNDING FROM UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND. Notwithstanding section 196.218 (3) (a) 3. b. of the statutes, the public service commission shall, in determining the amount of contributions to the universal service fund for fiscal year 2007-08, deduct \$9,200,000 from the amount appropriated under section 20.255 (3) (qm) of the statutes for fiscal year 2007-08.

**SECTION 9140. Nonstatutory provisions; Regulation and Licensing.**

(1j) WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISTRIBUTORS. Using the procedure under section 227.24 of the statutes, the department of regulation and licensing shall promul-

gate rules necessary to administer sections 450.071, 450.072, 450.073, and 450.074 of the statutes, as created by this act, for the period before the effective date of permanent rules necessary to administer sections 450.071, 450.072, 450.073, and 450.074 of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (c) and (2) of the statutes, emergency rules promulgated under this subsection remain in effect until March 1, 2008, or the date on which permanent rules take effect, whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a) and (3) of the statutes, the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

**SECTION 9141. Nonstatutory provisions; Revenue.**

(1) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. Changes to the Internal Revenue Code made by Public Law 109-135, excluding sections 101, 105, 201 (a) as it relates to section 1400S (a), 402 (e), 403 (e), (j), and (q), and 405 of Public Law 109-135, and Public Law 109-280, excluding sections 811 and 844 of Public Law 109-280, apply to the definitions of "Internal Revenue Code" in chapter 71 of the statutes at the time that those changes apply for federal income tax purposes.

(1f) DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STUDY; UTILITY LICENSE FEES. No later than December 31, 2008, the department of revenue shall convene a study group to assess the feasibility and desirability of imposing local general property taxes or their equivalent on all property, other than production plants, of electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, and light, heat, and power companies. The study group shall include residents of communities that host public utility property; representatives of electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, and light, heat, and power companies; members of the public who have expertise in the taxation of public utilities and in transmission line siting; and any other individuals who the department of revenue believes to have expertise related to the study. No later than May 1, 2009, the study group shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes.

(2f) RETAILER INVENTORY SYSTEM FOR LOTTERY TICKETS. The department of revenue shall develop a detailed implementation and cost plan for an instant ticket retailer inventory system and submit the plan to the joint committee on finance on or before January 31, 2008. The plan shall include the text of a proposed administrative rule relating to retailer billing procedures or, if such an administrative rule has been promulgated, a summary of the promulgated administrative rule. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the department within 14 working days after the date of submittal of the plan that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of

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SECTION #   91  . Nonstatutory provisions; ...

(#1) ( ) GRANT ALLOCATIONS

in the 2010-11 fiscal year, the department of public instruction shall allocate \$100,000 for studies on ways to improve efficiency and \$50,000 for consolidation feasibility studies.

not of the moneys appropriated to the department of public instruction under section 20-255(2)(b) of the statutes, as affected by this act,



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## ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the Department of Public <sup>(DPI)</sup> Instruction to award grants of up to \$10,000 to consortia of two or more school districts to study ways of improving efficiency and reducing costs by working cooperatively or to study the feasibility of consolidating the school districts. A consortium awarded a grant to study ways of improving efficiency must match the amount of the grant. The bill prohibits DPI from awarding more than one grant to the same consortium in the same school year.

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ways for the school districts to improve  
 efficiency and reduce <sup>costs</sup> costs by working  
 cooperatively or <sup>to study</sup> the feasibility of  
 consolidating the school districts

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The department shall ensure that a  
 consortium awarded a  
 grant ~~awarded to a consortium to~~  
<sup>ways to improve</sup>  
 to study efficiency and reduce costs ~~shall~~  
 allocates an amount  
 allocates ~~grant~~ to the study equal  
 to the amount of the grant.

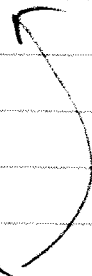
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# 2009 BILL

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1 AN ACT to amend 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes; and to affect 2007 Wisconsin  
2 Act 20, section 9137 (3k); relating to: grants to school districts for efficiency  
3 and consolidation feasibility studies and making an appropriation.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to award grants of up to \$10,000 to consortia of two or more school districts to study ways of improving efficiency and reducing costs by working cooperatively or to study the feasibility of consolidating the school districts. A consortium awarded a grant to study ways of improving efficiency must ~~match~~ the amount of the grant. The bill prohibits DPI from awarding more than one grant to the same consortium in the same 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:**

4 SECTION 1. 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5 20.255 (2) (bs) School district efficiency and consolidation grants. The amounts  
6 in the schedule for grants for school district efficiency and consolidation feasibility

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1 studies under ~~2007 Wisconsin Act 20, section 9137 (3k). No funds may be~~  
2 ~~encumbered from this appropriation after June 30, 2009 s. 117.40.~~

3 SECTION 2. 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, section 9137 (3k) is renumbered 117.40 of  
4 the statutes and amended to read:

5 **117.40 Grants for school district efficiency and consolidation studies.**

6 (1) A consortium of 2 or more school districts may apply to the department of public  
7 ~~instruction~~ for a grant to ~~conduct a school district consolidation feasibility study~~  
8 ways for the school districts to improve efficiency and reduce costs by working  
9 cooperatively or to study the feasibility of consolidating the school districts. The  
10 consortium shall submit a plan identifying the school districts engaged in the study,  
11 the issues the study will address, and how the grant funds will be expended. A school  
12 district may not be a member of more than one consortium. The department shall  
13 ensure that a consortium awarded a grant to study ways to improve efficiency and  
14 reduce costs allocates an amount to the study equal to <sup>20 percent of</sup> the amount of the grant.

15 (2) ~~In the 2008-09 school year, the~~ The department of public instruction shall  
16 award grants to consortia from the appropriation under section s. 20.255 (2) (bs) of  
17 the statutes, as created by this act. The department may not award more than  
18 \$10,000 to any consortium in the same school year nor award more than one grant  
19 to any consortium in the same school year.

20 (3) ~~The department of public instruction shall~~ give priority to applications that  
21 demonstrate prior attempts to address the underlying issues associated with  
22 management and operation of the school districts' programs.

23 (4) A consortium awarded a grant under ~~paragraph (b) sub. (2)~~ shall submit  
24 the results of the study to the department of public instruction.

25 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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1 (1) GRANT ALLOCATIONS. Of the moneys appropriated to the department of public  
2 instruction under section 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes, as affected by this act, in the  
3 2010-11 fiscal year, the department of public instruction shall allocate \$100,000 for  
4 studies on ways to improve efficiency and \$50,000 for consolidation feasibility  
5 studies.

**SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

7 (1) FUNDING FOR GRANTS.

8 (a) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
9 to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (2) (cr) of the statutes,  
10 as affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is decreased by \$150,000 for the first  
11 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this paragraph takes effect for the  
12 purposes for which the appropriation is made.

13 (b) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
14 to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes,  
15 as affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by \$150,000 for the  
16 second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this paragraph takes effect for the  
17 purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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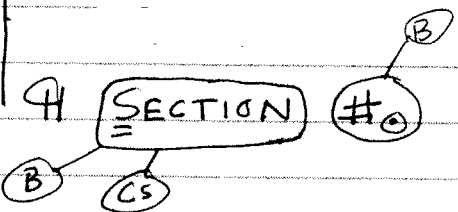
(b) In awarding grants to study ways to improve efficiency and reduce costs, the department shall give priority to those counties in which 50 per cent or more of at least one school district's membership, as defined in s. 121.004(5), is eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under ~~disc~~

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shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this section. (5) The department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

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117.40(5) of the statutes is created to read:

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