



2011 SENATE BILL 361

January 5, 2012 – Introduced by Senators VUKMIR and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives FARROW, KLENKE, BERNIER, KUGLITSCH, BIES, PRIDEMORE, RADCLIFFE, THIESFELDT, ENDSLEY, LOUDENBECK and RIPP. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 115.28 (54) (title) and 115.28 (54); *to amend*
2 20.255 (2) (cf), 20.255 (2) (ep) and 121.08 (4) (c); and *to create* 115.363 (1) and
3 115.363 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** payments to the Second Chance
4 Partners for Education and other nonprofit corporations that operate programs
5 in which disengaged pupils participate in work-based learning programs while
6 earning high school diplomas.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to pay to the Second Chance Partners for Education, Inc. (SCPE), a nonprofit corporation operating a program in which children at risk participate in apprenticeships while earning high school diplomas, \$4,610 for each pupil participating in the program. The amount of state aid that a school district is eligible to be paid is reduced by an amount equal to the amount paid to SCPE for pupils enrolled in the school district.

Under this bill, DPI must pay SCPE, and any other nonprofit corporation operating a program in which disengaged high school pupils are enrolled in a work-based learning program, for each pupil participating in the program, the amount paid per pupil to independent charter schools. The bill requires one-half of the payment to be made by October 15th and the other half to be made by February 15th. The reduction in state aid to school districts is unchanged.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.255 (2) (cf) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.255 (2) (cf) *Alternative education grants.* The amounts in the schedule for
3 alternative education grants under s. 115.366 and for payments to the Second
4 Chance Partnership under 2005 Wisconsin Act 25, section 9137 (3q).

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (ep) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 20.255 (2) (ep) *Second Chance Partnership Partners for Education.* A sum
7 sufficient for payments to the Second Chance Partnership Partners for Education
8 and other nonprofit corporations under s. ~~115.28 (54)~~ 115.363.

9 **SECTION 3.** 115.28 (54) (title) of the statutes is renumbered 115.363 (title) and
10 amended to read:

11 **115.363 (title) Second Chance Partnership Partners for Education.**

12 **SECTION 4.** 115.28 (54) of the statutes is renumbered 115.363 (2) and amended
13 to read:

14 115.363 (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ep), the department
15 shall pay to the Second Chance Partnership, a Partners for Education, and any other
16 nonprofit corporation operating a program in which children at risk participate in
17 apprenticeships disengaged high school pupils are enrolled in a work-based learning
18 program while earning high school diplomas, an amount equal to \$4,610 the amount
19 paid per pupil under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 1m. or 2m. in the current school year, multiplied
20 by the number of pupils participating in the program.

21 **SECTION 5.** 115.363 (1) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 115.363 (1) In this section:

2 (a) “Disengaged pupil” means a pupil who is a child at risk, as defined in s.
3 118.153 (1) (a), or is disinterested in school, struggling academically, or disruptive in
4 class.

5 (b) “Work-based learning program” means a program that provides
6 occupational training and work-based learning experiences.

7 **SECTION 6.** 115.363 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

8 115.363 (3) One-half of the payment under sub. (2) shall be based upon the
9 number of pupils participating in the program on the 3rd Friday of September of the
10 current school year, and one-half of the payment under sub. (2) shall be based upon
11 the number of pupils participating in the program on the 2nd Friday of January of
12 the current school year. The department shall make the first payment by October
13 15th and the second payment by February 15th each year.

14 **SECTION 7.** 121.08 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 121.08 (4) (c) The amount of state aid that a school district is eligible to be paid
16 from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ac) shall also be reduced by an amount
17 equal to the amount paid to the Second Chance ~~Partnership~~ Partners for Education
18 or other nonprofit corporation under s. ~~115.28 (54)~~ 115.363 for pupils enrolled in the
19 school district. The department shall ensure that the amount of the aid reduction
20 lapses to the general fund and that it does not affect the amount determined to be
21 received by a school district as state aid under this section for any other purpose.

22 **SECTION 8. Effective date.**

23 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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