



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 157
[2011 Senate Bill 361]

**School Contracts for Work-Based
Learning Programs**

2011 Wisconsin Act 157 permits a school board to contract with the Second Chance Partners for Education or any other nonprofit corporation operating a program in which disengaged high school pupils attend a work-based learning program while earning high school diplomas. The Act defines “disengaged pupils” as pupils who are children at risk of not graduating from high school, as defined in current law, and other pupils identified by the school board.

Under the Act, the school board must pay to Second Chance Partners for Education or each nonprofit corporation, as provided under the Act, an amount that is no more than the amount paid per pupil by the Department of Public Instruction to independent charter schools in the current school year (currently, \$7,775) multiplied by the number of pupils participating in the program under the contract. Prior to the enactment of Act 157, such payments were paid with state aid, resulting in a reduction to the school district’s aid payment. Under the Act, the school district directly pays Second Chance Partners for Education or another nonprofit corporation.

Effective date: Act 157 takes effect on April 10, 2012.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.