



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2011 Assembly Bill 451

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current law

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to pay the Second Chance Partners for Education, Inc., for each pupil participating in the organization’s program. Second Chance Partners for Education operates a program in which children at risk of not graduating from high school participate in apprenticeships while earning high school diplomas.

For each pupil participating, DPI pays Second Chance Partners for Education \$4,610 in state aid. The amount of state aid that a school district is eligible to be paid is reduced by the amount paid to Second Chance Partners for Education for pupils enrolled in the school district.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 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 for pupils enrolled in the school district. The substitute amendment 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 as children at risk of not graduating from high school in the school board’s plan describing how to meet these pupils’ needs.

Under the substitute amendment, the school board must pay to Second Chance Partners for Education or each nonprofit corporation, as provided under the bill, an amount that is no more than the amount paid per pupil by DPI 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. Therefore, instead of being paid by state aid, resulting in a reduction to the school district’s aid payment, under the

substitute amendment, the school district will directly pay Second Chance Partners for Education or another nonprofit corporation.

The provisions in substitute amendment take effect on July 1, 2012.

Legislative History

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Farrow and Kestell on February 3, 2012. On February 14, the Assembly Committee on Education recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by the same vote.

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