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

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

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

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

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

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

115.363 (title) Second Chance Partnership Partners for Education.

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

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

SECTION 5. 115.363 (1) of the statutes is created to read:
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.
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8 SECTION 6. 115.363 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
9 115.363 (3) One–half of the payment under sub. (2) shall be based upon the
10 number of pupils participating in the program on the 3rd Friday of September of the
11 current school year, and one–half of the payment under sub. (2) shall be based upon
12 the number of pupils participating in the program on the 2nd Friday of January of
13 the current school year. The department shall make the first payment by October
14 15th and the second payment by February 15th each year.
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16 SECTION 7. 121.08 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
17 121.08 (4) (c) The amount of state aid that a school district is eligible to be paid
18 from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ac) shall also be reduced by an amount
19 equal to the amount paid to the Second Chance Partnership or other nonprofit corporation under s. 115.28 (54) for pupils enrolled in the
20 school district. The department shall ensure that the amount of the aid reduction
21 lapses to the general fund and that it does not affect the amount determined to be
22 received by a school district as state aid under this section for any other purpose.
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24 SECTION 8. Effective date.
25 (1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2012.
26 (END)