2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 576

AN ACT to amend 115.28 (12) (b); and to create 115.28 (12) (am) of the statutes; relating to: selection of student information system vendors by the Department of Public Instruction.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the state superintendent of public instruction to establish a student information system (SIS) to collect and maintain information about pupils enrolled in public schools. This bill requires the state superintendent to develop request-for-proposal procedures and criteria for selecting vendors of the SIS software on a competitive basis and, beginning in the 2012–13 school year, to select at least two preferred vendors whenever a selection of vendors is made.

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

SECTION 1. 115.28 (12) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (12) (am) Develop request for proposal procedures and criteria for selecting vendors of software used to compile and manage data for integrating into the system established under par. (a). The criteria shall require the department to
select vendors on a competitive basis. Beginning with the selection of vendors for the
2012–13 school year, whenever a selection is made under this paragraph, the
department shall select at least 2 preferred vendors to provide the software, and
selection shall be made in accordance with the procedures established under this
paragraph.

**SECTION 2.** 115.28 (12) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32,
is amended to read:

115.28 (12) (b) Ensure that within 5 years of the establishment of the system
under par. (a), every school district is using participating in the system. The state
superintendent may promulgate rules authorizing the department to charge a fee to
any person that uses or participates in the system. All fees shall be credited to the
appropriation account under s. 20.255 (1) (jm).

(END)