



State of Wisconsin
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Hynek, BB0327 - Student prioritization in parental choice programs

FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Currently, a private school participating in a parental choice program (currently, the Milwaukee parental choice program and the parental choice program for the Racine Unified School District) must accept applications submitted under the choice program on a random basis. However, under current law, a participating private school may give a preference to a sibling of a pupil who is accepted on a random basis. Under this bill, a participating private school may, when accepting applications submitted under a choice program, give preference to any of the following:

1. Pupils who attended the private school during the school year prior to the school year for which the application is being made.
2. Siblings of pupils who attended the private school during the school year prior to the school year for which the application is being made and to siblings of pupils who have been accepted to the private school for the school year for which the application is being made.

3. Pupils who attended any private school in a choice program during the school year prior to the school year for which the application is being made.

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

SECTION 1. 119.23 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian shall submit an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single application. Within 60 days after receiving the application, the private school shall notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been accepted. If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the reason. A private school may reject an applicant only if it has reached its maximum general capacity or seating capacity. The state superintendent shall ensure that the private school determines which pupils to accept on a random basis, except that the private school may give preference in accepting applications ~~to siblings of pupils accepted on a random basis.~~ to any of the following:

SECTION 2. 119.23 (3) (a) 1. to 3. of the statutes are created to read:

119.23 (3) (a) 1. Pupils who attended the private school during the school year prior to the school year for which the application is being made.

2. Siblings of pupils who attended the private school during the school year prior to the school year for which the application is being made and to siblings of pupils who have been accepted to the private school for the school year for which the application is being made.

3. Pupils who attended another private school under this section or s. 118.60 during the school year prior to the school year for which the application is being made.

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