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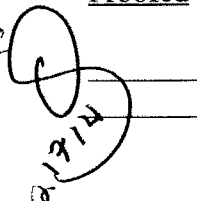
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**Kuczenski, Tracy**

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**From:** Kleinschmidt, Linda  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 10:07 AM  
**To:** Kuczenski, Tracy  
**Subject:** RE: Email from LRB Website

Hi Tracy,

Yes, we are asking for new FTE positions in DPI. When DPI testified on this bill they indicated that implementing and administering two separate timelines for school would require significant amount of work. They determined that to administer the new responsibilities called for under this bill while continuing to administer all current law program requirements two additional positions would be required.

Attached is a copy of their testimony.

I hope this helps.

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**From:** Kuczenski, Tracy  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 9:48 AM  
**To:** Kleinschmidt, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Email from LRB Website

Hi Linda –

On the senator's second amendment request, I have two questions:

1. Are you asking for new FTE positions in DPI?
2. What do you mean by "administer the two choice program called for in the bill?" Do you mean you want the [new positions in DPI] to review materials submitted by new private schools? Or something else?

Thanks,  
Tracy

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**From:** Grant, Peter  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 9:22 AM  
**To:** Kuczenski, Tracy  
**Subject:** FW: Email from LRB Website

I'm pretty sure this is for you.

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**From:** Kleinschmidt, Linda  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 9:20 AM  
**To:** Grant, Peter  
**Subject:** Email from LRB Website

Hi Peter,

Kathleen is asking for two amendments one for each bill.

Amendment to SB 589: Kathleen wants to eliminate the September 1<sup>st</sup> school start date.

Amendment to SB 584: Kathleen wants to provide the necessary funding to DPI for positions to administer the two choice program called for in the bill. DPI told us they need \$150,000 annually (\$300,000 biennially) GPR.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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**Senate Committee on Education  
February 13, 2014**

**Department of Public Instruction  
Testimony on 2013 Senate Bill 584**

I want to thank Chairman Olsen and members of the committee for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of Senate Bill 584 (SB 584). My name is Tricia Collins and I am Director of the School Management Services Team, which oversees the Milwaukee, Racine, and Wisconsin parental choice programs.

SB 584 makes changes to the accreditation and new private school requirements under the private school choice programs.

**Accreditation and Preaccreditation Requirements:**

First, the bill clarifies the preaccreditation and accreditation requirements under the programs and specifies the requirements related to maintaining accreditation as first required under Act 20.

The bill adds a new preaccrediting organization – the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools. Currently, this organization is only authorized to fully accredit private schools participating in the choice program.

SB 584 also allows private schools up to three years to be fully accredited by another accrediting organization if the organization that accredited the school no longer is an accrediting entity under statute.

**Requirements for New Private Schools:**

Second, SB 584 creates a new timeline for private schools that apply to participate in the private school choice programs. These new dates will require those working to establish a new school to do the requisite additional planning that is needed.

Under the bill, a new private school is defined as a private school in operation in Wisconsin for less than 12 consecutive months or a private school that provides education to fewer than 40 students in 2 or fewer grades. It does not include a private school that will be operated or managed by a governing body of a private school already in the voucher program as long as the current school has not had its state voucher payments withheld or had an order issued barring the school in the prior 3 years.

The bill will require new private schools to complete a number of current law requirements earlier than schools continuing in the program and require the department to annually administer two separate timelines for schools registering to participate in the program.

Under the timeline proposed in this bill, a new private school that intends to participate in a private school choice program in the 2015-16 school year would be required to register by August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year instead of February 1, 2015. The new school would also be required to submit a budget and information about the governing body and certain school policies when it registers in August. In addition, the school must be preaccredited by December 15, 2014, rather than August 1, 2015.

The bill requires the department to notify all new schools by December 31 whether the schools have met these requirements. If a new school fails to meet the requirements, it may not participate in the choice program in that school year. The bill also creates a new requirement that new schools contract with a third-party payroll service by August 1 of the first year of participation.

Implementing and administering two separate timelines for schools will require a significant amount of work. Since the Milwaukee choice program's inception in 1990 and subsequent expansion to become a \$190 million program alone next year that will include over 27,000 students in over 100 private schools, the department has been given two state-funded positions and one program-revenue funded position to administer it.

As you know, we also administer the Racine parental choice program, where 2,000 students are expected to enroll in participating schools next year, and the recently added Wisconsin program, which will likely enroll 1,000 students. Each of these three choice programs have different statutory provisions that must be followed and continue to grow in terms of the number of schools, students, and their complexity every year.

Our department has received no additional positions to administer these two choice programs. We are supportive of this bill, but if we are expected to administer these new responsibilities this summer while continuing to administer all current law program requirements, we respectfully request that we be provided with two additional staff positions.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. At this time I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

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costs

\$ 150,000

**Kuczenski, Tracy**

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**From:** Kleinschmidt, Linda  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 12:46 PM  
**To:** Kuczenski, Tracy  
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Yes, we could do a quarter of the amount requested in this fiscal year and the full amount going forward.

Thank you!

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**To:** Kleinschmidt, Linda  
**Subject:** RE: Email from LRB Website

Hi Linda –

By the time the bill is enacted, there will be between 3-4 months left of the current fiscal year. Do you want to increase DPI's appropriation by  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$  of the \$150,000 amount requested for the 2013-14 year?

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**SENATE AMENDMENT ,  
TO SENATE BILL 584**

Today

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At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 32, line 13: after that line insert:

**"SECTION 61m. Fiscal changes, Public Instruction, Department of**

(1) REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR NEW PRIVATE SCHOOLS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$38,500 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to increase the authorized FTE positions for the department by 2.0 GPR positions for the review of new private schools applying to participate in the Milwaukee, Racine, and statewide parental choice programs. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under section 20.255

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2           (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased  
3           by \$150,000 for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection ✓  
4           takes effect for the continued review of new private schools applying to participate  
5           in the Milwaukee, Racine, and statewide parental choice programs.”.

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