



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2013 Wisconsin Act 46**  
[October 2013 Special Session  
Senate Bill 1]

**School District Budgets**

The 2013-15 Biennial Budget Act (2013 Wisconsin Act 20) froze the permissible amount a school board may levy for community programs and services in calendar years 2013 and 2014. The Budget Act prohibits school boards from levying more for community programs and services in 2013 or in 2014 than it levied in the most recent year in which it levied for community programs and services. Under this provision, a school board may exceed the most recent year's levy amount only through voter approval.

2013 Wisconsin Act 46 allows a school board that levied a higher amount for community programs and services in 2011 than in 2012 to freeze its permissible levy amount at the 2011 level instead of the 2012 level, so long as the school board's 2011 and 2012 levy amounts were each under \$1,000,000.

The Budget Act appropriates \$4,341,594,600 for the 2013-14 fiscal year and \$4,415,960,500 for the 2014-15 fiscal year for general equalization aids for local educational programming. Act 46 appropriates an additional \$40,000,000 for the 2013-14 fiscal year and an additional \$60,000,000 for the 2014-15 fiscal year to increase funding for general equalization aids for local educational programming.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.