October 8, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives Stuck, Berceau, Billings, Brostoff, Doyle, Goyke, Hesselbein, Jorgensen, Kessler, Kolste, Meyers, Milroy, Ohnstad, Pope, Quinn, Sargent, Sinicki, Spreitzer, C. Taylor and Zamarrapa, cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Ringhand and Harris Dodd. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT to amend 121.15 (1) (a) of the statutes; relating to: state aid payments to school districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill changes the manner in which state aid is paid to school districts. Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction (department) pays state aid to school districts for each school year in the following four installments: 15 percent in September, 25 percent in December, 25 percent in March, and 35 percent in June. Current law also requires the department to make a payment of $75,000,000 to school districts on the 4th Monday in July of the following school year and to proportionately reduce the percentages described above for the current school year to reflect this lump sum payment.

This bill changes the percentage of state aid paid in each installment to 25 percent.

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:

3 SECTION 1. 121.15 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 121.15 (1) (a) Each school district shall receive 15% 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25% 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December,
25% 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March and 35% 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

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