



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Hynek, BB0265 - Shared services for school districts

FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

This bill allows a school board to contract with one or more school boards to satisfy the school board's obligations to provide a variety of services and programs. Those obligations include providing instruction on lifesaving skills, providing emergency nursing services and guidance and counseling services, establishing a bilingual-bicultural education program, establishing a technical preparation program in each high school in the school district, ensuring access to programs for gifted and talented pupils, and designating a school attendance officer for the school district. Additionally, this bill eliminates the requirement that a school board obtain the state superintendent's approval in order to contract with other school districts or cooperative educational service agencies to employ a certified reading specialist.

For further information see the *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:

SECTION 1. 118.015 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.015 (2) EMPLOYMENT OF READING SPECIALISTS. Each school district shall employ a reading specialist certified by the department to develop and coordinate a comprehensive reading curriculum in grades kindergarten to 12. ~~At the discretion of the state superintendent, a~~ A school district may contract with other school districts or cooperative educational service agencies to employ a certified reading specialist on a cooperative basis.

SECTION 2. 120.13 (39) of the statutes is created to read:

120.13 (39) SHARED SERVICES. Contract with one or more school boards to do any of the following:

(a) Establish a bilingual-bicultural education program under subch. VII of ch. 115.

(b) If the school board operates any grade from 7 to 12, provide the instruction required under s. 118.076 (3).

(c) Provide emergency nursing services, as required under s. 121.02 (1) (g).

(d) Designate an employee of one of the school boards that is subject to the contract to deal with matters relating to school attendance and truancy.

(e) Provide guidance and counseling services, as required under s. 121.02 (1) (e).

(f) Establish a technical preparation program in each public high school located in the school district, as required under s. 118.34.

(g) Ensure that gifted and talented pupils enrolled in the school district have access to a program for gifted and talented pupils, as required under s. 118.35.

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