AN ACT to repeal 115.385 (1m); and to amend 115.28 (10m) (a) (intro.), 115.28 (10m) (b), 115.28 (10o) (a) and 115.385 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: publication of school and school district accountability reports.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to publish its annual school and school district accountability report by November 30, rather than in September. The school accountability report provides information about pupil achievement in reading and mathematics and rates of high school graduation, among other measures.

This bill also changes the date by which DPI must determine whether a school is eligible to be placed in the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program. Under current law, a school is eligible to be placed in the OSPP based in part on how the school performed on the two most recent accountability reports prepared for the school and DPI must make this determination by October 15. This bill changes the date to November 30.

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

SECTION 1. 115.28 (10m) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
115.28 (10m) (a) (intro.) By October 15, 2015, and annually thereafter, submit to the commissioner of the opportunity schools and partnership program under subch. II of ch. 119 and to the superintendent of schools of the school district operating under ch. 119 a report that identifies the schools in Milwaukee County and located in a school district that was placed in the lowest performance category on the most recent accountability report published for that school district under s. 115.385 (1) to which any of the following applies, and that disaggregates the schools by elementary school, middle school, junior high school, high school, and senior high school:

SECTION 2. 115.28 (10m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.28 (10m) (b) By October 15, November 30 of the first year in which the state superintendent determines that a school district is an eligible school district, as defined in s. 115.999 (1) (d), and annually thereafter, submit to the commissioner of the opportunity schools and partnership program under subch. IX a report that identifies each school in that eligible school district that was assigned to the lowest performance category on the most recent accountability report published for the school under s. 115.385 (1) and that disaggregates the schools by elementary school, middle school, junior high school, high school, and senior high school.

SECTION 3. 115.28 (10o) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.28 (10o) (a) Beginning in October of the 2015–16 school year, annually, determine whether any school district qualifies as an eligible school district, as defined in s. 115.999 (1) (d).

SECTION 4. 115.385 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
115.385 (1) (intro.) Subject to sub. (1m), annually Annually by September November 30, the department shall publish a school and school district accountability report that includes all of the following components:

SECTION 5. 115.385 (1m) of the statutes is repealed.

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