

**2019 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Bill**

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Limiting enrollment in choice programs

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## Pleviak, Krista

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To Whom It May Concern,

Rep. Pope would like a draft identical to the provision in the Governor's Budget that would freeze choice school enrollment. The budget summary is pasted below:

### **3. PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS -- CAP PARTICIPATION AT 2020-21 LEVELS**

Governor: Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, specify that the total number of pupils who can participate in each of the three choice programs could not exceed a program cap defined as the total number of pupils who attended a private school under that program in the 2019-20 school year.

Specify that a private school participating in the program could accept applications from eligible pupils during application periods determined by DPI. For the Racine and Milwaukee programs, require DPI to establish one or more application periods, the first of which may begin no earlier than February 1 of the previous school year and the last of which may end no later than September 14 of the applicable school year. For the statewide program, maintain the application period under current law (February 1 to April 20 of the previous school year).

Require each private school to report to DPI no later than 10 days after each application period the number of pupils who applied to attend the school under each program, and the names of those applicants who have siblings who also applied to attend the school under the program. At the end of each application period, require DPI to determine the sum of all applicants, counting a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private school under a choice program only once. If the sum exceeds the program cap (or, for the statewide program, the district participation limits under current law), require DPI to determine which applications to accept on a random basis, except for pupil preferences established under current law, and establish a waiting list for those pupils whose applications are not accepted in accordance with the current law preferences. Require a private school to notify DPI if an accepted pupil will not attend the school, and require DPI to fill any available slot with a pupil from the waiting list. Allow a pupil on the waiting list to be admitted for the following school year without submitting additional financial information, provided that the applicant continues to meet the residency requirements for the program for which the pupil is applying.

Specify that a pupil would not be counted for a school year in determining whether any choice program exceeds its program cap, or whether the pupil's school district of residence exceeds its pupil participation limit under the statewide program, if the following apply: (a) the pupil resides in one district at the time of their application to one of the choice programs, and accepts a space in a private school participating in that program; (b) the pupil resides in a different district on the third Friday of September; and (c) the private school the pupil is attending accepts applications from pupils residing in the school district the pupil resides in under (b). This provision would apply to the following: (a) a pupil who resides in the City of Milwaukee at the time of his or her application, but resides in Racine or another district on the 3rd Friday of September; (b) a pupil who resides in a district other than Racine or Milwaukee on at the time of his or her application, but resides in Racine or Milwaukee on the third Friday of September; or (c) a pupil who resides in Racine at the time of his or her application, but resides in a district other than Racine or Milwaukee on the third Friday of

September. Specify that these provisions would first apply to program caps and applications or transfer of applications for the 2020-21 school year. [Bill Sections: 1602, 1604, 1611, 1612, 1615 thru 1624, 1630, 1631, 1646, 1654, 1656 thru 1658, 1664, 1665, 9334(4), and 9334(5)]

In addition, Rep. Pope would also like a similar draft from the Governor's budget that would require private school teachers in the voucher program to be licensed. The summary is again pasted below:

**4. PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS -- TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENT**

Governor: Require that beginning on July 1, 2022, all of a participating private school's teachers have a teaching license or permit issued by DPI, except teachers who teach only rabbinical PUBLIC INSTRUCTION -- CHOICE, CHARTER, AND OPEN ENROLLMENT Page 341 studies. This requirement would apply to the Milwaukee, Racine, and statewide choice programs.

Specify that any teacher employed by the school on July 1, 2022, who has been teaching for at least the five consecutive years immediately preceding that date and who does not have a teaching license or permit issued by DPI could apply for a temporary, nonrenewable waiver on a form prepared by DPI. Require DPI to promulgate rules to implement this provision, including the form of the application and the process by which the waiver application would be reviewed. Require that the waiver application require the applicant to submit a plan for satisfying the licensure requirement. Specify that no waiver would be valid after July 1, 2027.

Modify current law teacher licensure requirements to include private schools, including the following: (a) specify that an individual located in another state may teach an online course without a Wisconsin license if he or she is properly licensed in the state from which the course is provided; (b) allow a faculty member of an institution of higher education to teach without a license or permit if the faculty member satisfies certain requirements; (c) specify that an individual certified to teach native American languages and culture cannot teach other courses; (d) allow a private school to employ an individual who teaches a technical or vocational education subject with an experiencebased license if the school fulfills certain requirements; and (e) require that a private school employing a person who holds a professional teaching permit does not fill the position following the removal of a regularly licensed teacher. Specify that these provisions would first take effect on July 1, 2022. [Bill Sections: 1411, 1538 thru 1549, 1605, 1606, 1614, 1648, 1649, 1655, and 9434(6)]

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with these requests

Thank you,

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: limiting enrollment in parental choice programs.

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

This bill caps the total number of pupils who may participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, the Racine Parental Choice Program, or the statewide parental choice program (parental choice program) at the number of pupils who attended a private school under the parental choice program in the 2019-20 school year. Under the bill, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, if the number of applications to participate in a parental choice program exceeds the program cap, the Department of Public Instruction must determine which applications to accept on a random basis, subject to certain admission preferences that exist under current law.

Under current law, pupils may submit applications to attend a private school under the statewide parental choice program for the following school year from February 1 to April 20, and a private school that receives applications must, no later than the May 1 immediately following the application period, report the number of applicants to DPI so that DPI may determine whether a pupil participation limitation has been exceeded. The bill provides that, beginning with applications for the 2020-21 school year, DPI must establish one or more application periods during which pupils may submit applications to attend a private school under the MPCP or RPCP. The bill provides that a private school that receives applications during an application period must, no later than 10 days after the application period ends, report the number of applicants to DPI so that DPI may determine whether a program cap has been exceeded. The bill does not change the application period for the statewide parental choice program and requires DPI to use the information required to be reported under current law to determine whether the program cap for the statewide parental choice program has been exceeded.

The bill also requires DPI to establish a waiting list for a parental choice program if the program cap for the parental choice program has been exceeded.

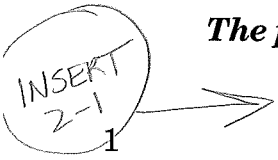
For further information see the **state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

***1. Parental choice program caps; counting four-year-old kindergarten pupils***

This bill caps the total number of pupils who may participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, the Racine Parental Choice Program, or the statewide parental choice program (parental choice program) at the number of pupils who attended a private school under the parental choice program in the 2019-20 school year. Under the bill, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, if the number of applications to participate in a parental choice program exceeds the program cap, DPI must determine which applications to accept on a random basis.

The bill also changes how a pupil enrolled in a four-year-old kindergarten is counted by a school district for purposes of state aid and revenue limits. Under current law, a pupil enrolled in a four-year-old kindergarten program is counted as 0.5 pupil unless the program provides at least 87.5 additional hours of outreach activities, in which case the pupil is counted as 0.6 pupil. Under the bill, if the four-year-old kindergarten program requires full-day attendance by pupils for five days a week, a pupil enrolled in the program is counted as one pupil.

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:*

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1 SECTION 1. 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) and, (ar), and (bh), any pupil in grades ✓

3 kindergarten to 12 who resides ~~within~~ <sup>in</sup> an eligible school district may attend any

4 private school under this section and, subject to pars. (ag), (ar), (be), (bh), (bm), and ✓

5 (bs), any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides in a school district, other

6 than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, may attend any

7 private school under this section if all of the following apply:

8 SECTION 2. 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. If the pupil resides in a school district, other than an eligible ✓

10 school district or a 1st class city school district, the pupil was on a waiting list under

11 sub. (3) (am) 4. or (ar) 4. in any previous school year. ✓

12 SECTION 3. 118.60 (2) (be) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 118.60 (2) (be) 3. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, ~~there is no limit on~~

14 ~~the number of pupils who may attend private schools~~ the limits under this section

15 paragraph do not apply.

16 SECTION 4. 118.60 (2) (bh) of the statutes is created to read:

17 118.60 (2) (bh) 1. In this paragraph, "program cap" means any of the following:

18 a. For an eligible school district, the total number of pupils residing in the

19 eligible school district who attended a private school under this section in the

20 2019-20 school year.





1           b. For all school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city  
2 school district, the total number of pupils residing in those school districts who  
3 attended a private school under this section in the 2019-20 school year.

4           2. a. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils  
5 residing in an eligible school district who may attend a private school under this  
6 section during a school year may not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. a.

7           b. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils residing  
8 in school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
9 district, who may attend a private school under this section during a school year may  
10 not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. b.

11           **SECTION 5.** 118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian shall submit  
13 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating  
14 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same  
15 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single  
16 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during  
17 which an application is received and subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), the private  
18 school shall notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been  
19 accepted. If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the  
20 reason. Subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), a private school may reject an applicant  
21 only if it the private school has reached its maximum general capacity or seating  
22 capacity. Except as provided in ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), the state superintendent  
23 shall ensure that the private school determines which pupils to accept on a random  
24 basis, except that the private school may give preference to the following in accepting  
25 applications, in the order of preference listed:



1           **SECTION 6.** 118.60 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2           118.60 (3) (am) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private  
3 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in an eligible school district:

4           1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under  
5 sub. (2) (a) 3. a. may accept applications for a school year during application periods  
6 determined by the department from pupils who reside in an eligible school district. /  
7 For each school year, the department shall establish one or more application periods /  
8 under this subdivision, the first of which begins no earlier than February 1 of the /  
9 school year before the applicable school year, and the last of which ends no later than /  
10 September 14 of the applicable school year.

11           2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to  
12 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the private  
13 school under this section and the names of those applicants who have siblings who /  
14 also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this section. The /  
15 private school shall submit the report no later than 10 days after each application /  
16 period described under subd. 1. during which the private school received /  
17 applications.

18           3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1., upon /  
19 receipt of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum /  
20 of all applicants for pupils residing in an eligible school district. In determining the  
21 sum, the department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one  
22 private school under the program only once. If, after the end of an application period  
23 described under subd. 1., the sum of all applicants for pupils residing in an eligible  
24 school district exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a., the department shall  
25 determine which applications submitted during the application period to accept on



1 a random basis, except that the department shall give preference to the applications  
2 of pupils described in par. (a) 1m. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that  
3 paragraph.

4 4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a.,  
5 the department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences  
6 required under subd. 3. /


7 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in an eligible school  
8 district under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private  
9 school determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this  
10 paragraph. If, upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department  
11 determines that the number of pupils attending private schools under this section  
12 falls below the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a., the department shall fill any  
13 available slot with a pupil selected from the waiting list established under subd. 4.,  
14 if such a waiting list exists.

15 **SECTION 7.** 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) All of the following apply to applications to attend a  
17 private school under this section ~~only if the limitation under sub. (2) (be) applies to~~  
18 ~~the school year for which the application is made~~ submitted by pupils who reside in ✓  
19 a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district: ✓

20 **SECTION 8.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 3.  
21 (intro.) and amended to read:

22 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. (intro.) Annually After the end of the application period  
23 described under subd. 1., upon receipt of the information under subd. 2., the  
24 department shall, for each school district, determine the sum of all applicants for  
25 pupils residing in that school district ~~under this paragraph~~ and the sum of all



1 applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other than an eligible school  
 2 district or a 1st class city school district. In determining ~~the sum~~ those sums, the  
 3 department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private  
 4 school under the program only once. After determining ~~the sum of all applicants for~~  
 5 pupils residing in a school district, those sums, if any of the following applies, the  
 6 department shall determine which applications to accept on a random basis, except  
 7 that the department shall give preference to the applications of pupils described in  
 8 s. 118.60 (3) par. (a) <sup>plan</sup> 1m. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that paragraph.;

9 **SECTION 9.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:

10 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in a school  
 11 district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, exceeds  
 12 the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be). ✓

13 b. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other than  
 14 an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, exceeds the program cap  
 15 under sub. (2) (bh) 2. b. ✓

16 **SECTION 10.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 4.  
 17 (intro.) and amended to read:

18 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. (intro.) ~~For each school district in which private schools~~  
 19 ~~received applications under subd. 1. that exceeded the school district's pupil~~  
 20 ~~participation limit under sub. (2) (be), the~~ The department shall establish a waiting  
 21 list in accordance with the preferences required under subd. 3. for each of the  
 22 following:

23 **SECTION 11.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:



1 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. A school district, other than an eligible school district or a  
2 1st class city school district, for which the sum described under subd. 3. a. exceeds  
3 the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be).

4 b. All school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city  
5 school district, if the sum described under subd. 3. b. exceeds the program cap under  
6 sub. (2) (bh) 2. b.

7 **SECTION 12.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 118.60 (3) (ar) 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in a  
9 school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district,  
10 under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school  
11 determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If,  
12 upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the  
13 number of pupils attending private schools under this section falls below a school  
14 district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be), or below the program cap under  
15 sub. (2) (bh) 2. b., the department shall fill any available slot in that school district  
16 or program with a pupil selected from the school district's applicable waiting list  
17 established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list exists.

18 **SECTION 13.** 118.60 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 118.60 (3) (b) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides  
20 ~~within~~ <sup>in</sup> an eligible school district because the private school has too few available  
21 spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her application to a participating private  
22 school that has space available. An applicant <sup>who is</sup> rejected under this paragraph or an  
23 applicant who is on the waiting list under par. (am) 4. may, subject to sub. (2) (bh)  
24 2. a., be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this section  
25 for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside <sup>in</sup> within

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1 an eligible school district. The department may not require, in that following school  
2 year, the private school to submit financial information regarding the applicant or  
3 to verify the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program under this  
4 section on the basis of family income.

5 **SECTION 14.** 118.60 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 118.60 (3) (c) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides  
7 in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
8 district, because the private school has too few available spaces, the applicant may  
9 transfer his or her application to a participating private school that has space  
10 available. An applicant who is rejected under this paragraph or an applicant who  
11 is on ~~the~~ a waiting list under ~~sub. (3) par. (ar) 4. a. or b.~~ may, subject to sub. (2) (be)  
12 and (bh) 2. b., be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this  
13 section for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside  
14 in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
15 district. The department may not require, in that following school year, the private  
16 school to submit financial information regarding the applicant or to verify the  
17 eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program under this section on the  
18 basis of family income.

19 **SECTION 15.** 118.60 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 118.60 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible  
21 school district under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the  
22 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a school  
23 district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that the  
24 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a  
25 program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.



1           **SECTION 16.** 118.60 (4v) (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

2           118.60 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private  
3 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the  
4 following as a resident of a school district, other than an eligible school district or a  
5 1st class city school district, who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

6           1. The pupil was a resident of an eligible school district when the pupil applied  
7 to participate in the program under this section.

8           2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program  
9 under this section as a resident of an eligible school district.

10          3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than an eligible school district  
11 or a 1st class city school district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

12          4. The private school the pupil is attending under this section accepts  
13 applications under this section from pupils who reside in school districts, other than  
14 an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district.

15          (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school district, other  
16 than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, under par. (c) for a  
17 school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school  
18 year for purposes of determining whether the school district has exceeded its pupil  
19 participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that the pupil is not counted for that school  
20 year for purposes of determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or  
21 b. has been exceeded.

22          **SECTION 17.** 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23          119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) ~~and~~, (ar), and (b), any pupil in grades  
24 kindergarten to 12 who resides within the city may attend any private school if all  
25 of the following apply:



**SECTION 18**

1           **SECTION 18.** 119.23 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

2           119.23 (2) (b) 1. In this paragraph, “program cap” means the total number of  
3 pupils residing in the city who attended a private school under this section in the  
4 2019-20 school year.

5           2. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils residing  
6 in the city who may attend a private school under this section during a school year  
7 may not exceed the program cap.

8           **SECTION 19.** 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil’s parent or guardian shall submit  
10 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating  
11 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same  
12 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single  
13 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during  
14 which an application is received and subject to par. (ar), the private school shall  
15 notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been accepted.  
16 If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the reason. ~~A~~  
17 Subject to par. (ar), a private school may reject an applicant only if it the private  
18 school has reached its maximum general capacity or seating capacity. ~~The~~ Except  
19 as provided in par. (ar), the state superintendent shall ensure that the private school  
20 determines which pupils to accept on a random basis, except that the private school  
21 may give preference to the following in accepting applications, in order of preference  
22 listed:

23           **SECTION 20.** 119.23 (3) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

24           119.23 (3) (ar) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private  
25 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in the city:





1           1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under  
2 sub. (2) (a) 3. may accept applications for a school year during application periods  
3 determined by the department from pupils who reside in the city. For each school  
4 year, the department shall establish one or more application periods under this  
5 subdivision, the first of which begins no later than February 1 of the school year  
6 before the applicable school year, and the last of which ends no later than September  
7 14 of the applicable school year.

8           2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to  
9 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the private  
10 school under this section and the names of those applicants who have siblings who  
11 also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this section. The  
12 private school shall submit the report no later than 10 days after each application  
13 period described under subd. 1. during which the private school received  
14 applications.

15           3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1, upon receipt  
16 of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum of all  
17 applicants for pupils residing in the city. In determining the sum, the department  
18 shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private school under the  
19 program only once. If, after the end of an application period described under subd.  
20 1., the sum of all applicants for pupils residing in the city exceeds the program cap  
21 under sub. (2) (b), the department shall determine which applications submitted  
22 during the application period to accept on a random basis, except that the  
23 department shall give preference to the applications of pupils described in par. (a)  
24 1. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that paragraph.

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1           4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (b), the  
2 department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences required  
3 under subd. 3.


4           5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in the city under this  
5 paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school determines that  
6 a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If, upon receiving  
7 notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the number of pupils  
8 attending private schools under this section falls below the program cap under sub.  
9 (2) (b), the department shall fill any available slot with a pupil selected from the  
10 waiting list established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list exists.

11           **SECTION 21.** 119.23 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           119.23 (3) (b) If the private school rejects an applicant because ~~it~~ the private  
13 school has too few available spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her application  
14 to a participating private school that has space available. An applicant <sup>who is</sup> rejected  
15 under this paragraph or an applicant who is on the waiting list under par. (ar) 4. may,  
16 subject to sub. (2) (b), be admitted to a private school participating in the program  
17 under this section for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues  
18 to reside <sup>in</sup> ~~within~~ the city. The department may not require, in that following school  
19 year, the private school to submit financial information regarding the applicant or  
20 to verify the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program under this  
21 section on the basis of family income.

22           **SECTION 22.** 119.23 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           119.23 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of the city  
24 under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not  
25 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a school district has



1 exceeded its pupil participation limit under s. 118.60 (2) (be) and that the pupil is not  
2 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a program cap  
3 under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

4 **SECTION 23.** 119.23 (4v) (c), (d) and (e) of the statutes are created to read:

5 119.23 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private  
6 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the  
7 following as a resident of a school district, other than a 1st class city school district,  
8 who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

9 1. The pupil was a resident of the city when the pupil applied to participate in  
10 the program under this section.

11 2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program  
12 under this section as a resident of the city.

13 3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than a 1st class city school  
14 district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

15 4. The private school at which the pupil accepted a space under this section is  
16 participating in the program under s. 118.60.

17 (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible school  
18 district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), under par. (c) for a school year, the  
19 department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school year for  
20 purposes of determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh)  
21 2. a. has been exceeded.

22 (e) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school district, other  
23 than an eligible school district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), or a 1st class city  
24 school district, under par. (c) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the  
25 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether the



1 school district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under s. 118.60 (2) (be) and  
2 that the pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether  
3 a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. b. has been exceeded.

4 ~~SECTION 9334~~ **SECTION 9334, Initial applicability; Public Instruction.**

5 (1) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; PROGRAM CAPS. The treatment of ss. 118.60 (3)  
6 (am) and (ar) (intro.) and 5. and 119.23 (3) (ar), the renumbering and amendment of  
7 s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. and 4., and the creation of s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b. and 4. a.  
8 and b. first apply to an application to attend in a private school under s. 118.60 or  
9 119.23 in the 2020-21 school year.

10 (2) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; TRANSFERRING APPLICANTS BETWEEN PROGRAMS.  
11 The treatment of ss. 118.60 (4v) (b), (c), and (d) and 119.23 (4v) (b), (c), (d), and (e) first  
12 applies to counting pupils for the pupil participation limits under s. 118.60 (2) (be)  
13 and the program caps under ss. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. and b. and 119.23 (2) (b) for the  
14 2020-21 school year.

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## **Pleviak, Krista**

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**From:** Catacutan, Adrian  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 10:15 AM  
**To:** Pleviak, Krista  
**Subject:** LRB 4156/P1 Addition  
**Attachments:** 19-4156\_P1.pdf

Krista,

Can we add a provision to the attached draft that would sunset the Special Needs Scholarship program. I believe this was in the Governor's budget and we would like it to match that language. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

**Adrian Catacutan**  
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1 AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. and 118.60 (3) (ar) 4.; *to*  
 2 *amend* 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.), 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g., 118.60 (2) (be) 3., 118.60 (3) (a)  
 3 (intro.), 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.), 118.60 (3) (ar) 5., 118.60 (3) (b), 118.60 (3) (c),  
 4 118.60 (4v) (b), 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.), 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.), 119.23 (3) (b) and  
 5 119.23 (4v) (b); and *to create* 118.60 (2) (bh), 118.60 (3) (am), 118.60 (3) (ar) 3.  
 6 a. and b., 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. and b., 118.60 (4v) (c) and (d), 119.23 (2) (b), 119.23  
 7 (3) (ar) and 119.23 (4v) (c), (d) and (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** limiting  
 8 enrollment in parental choice programs.

phasing out the Special Needs Scholarship Program and

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

**This** bill caps the total number of pupils who may participate in a parental choice program — the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, the Racine Parental Choice Program, or the statewide parental choice program — at the number of pupils who attended a private school under that parental choice program in the 2019-20 school year. Under the bill, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, if the number of applications to participate in a parental choice program exceeds the program cap, **the** Department of Public Instruction must determine which applications to accept on a random basis, subject to certain admission preferences that exist under current law.

DPI

Under current law, pupils may submit applications to attend a private school under the statewide parental choice program for the following school year from

February 1 to April 20, and a private school that receives applications must, no later than the May 1 immediately following the application period, report the number of applicants to DPI so that DPI may determine whether a pupil participation limitation has been exceeded. The bill provides that, beginning with applications for the 2020-21 school year, DPI must establish one or more application periods during which pupils may submit applications to attend a private school under the MPCP or RPCP. The bill provides that a private school that receives applications during an application period must, no later than 10 days after the application period ends, report the number of applicants to DPI so that DPI may determine whether a program cap has been exceeded. The bill does not change the application period for the statewide parental choice program and requires DPI to use the information required to be reported under current law to determine whether the program cap for the statewide parental choice program has been exceeded.

The bill also requires DPI to establish a waiting list for a parental choice program if the program cap for the parental choice program has been exceeded.

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:*

**SECTION 1.** 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) and, (ar), and (bh), any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides ~~within~~ in an eligible school district may attend any private school under this section and, subject to pars. (ag), (ar), (be), (bh), (bm), and (bs), any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, may attend any private school under this section if all of the following apply:

**SECTION 2.** 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. If the pupil resides in a school district, other than ~~an eligible school district~~ or a 1st class city school district, the pupil was on a waiting list under sub. (3) (am) 4. or (ar) 4. in any previous school year.

**SECTION 3.** 118.60 (2) (be) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           118.60 (2) (be) 3. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, ~~there is no limit on~~  
2 ~~the number of pupils who may attend private schools~~ the limits under this section  
3 paragraph do not apply.

4           **SECTION 4.** 118.60 (2) (bh) of the statutes is created to read:

5           118.60 (2) (bh) 1. In this paragraph, “program cap” means any of the following:

6           a. For an eligible school district, the total number of pupils residing in the  
7 eligible school district who attended a private school under this section in the  
8 2019-20 school year.

9           b. For all school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city  
10 school district, the total number of pupils residing in those school districts who  
11 attended a private school under this section in the 2019-20 school year.

12           2. a. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils  
13 residing in an eligible school district who may attend a private school under this  
14 section during a school year may not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. a.

15           b. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils residing  
16 in school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
17 district, who may attend a private school under this section during a school year may  
18 not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. b.

19           **SECTION 5.** 118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil’s parent or guardian shall submit  
21 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating  
22 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same  
23 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single  
24 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during  
25 which an application is received and subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), the private



1 school shall notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been  
2 accepted. If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the  
3 reason. Subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), a private school may reject an applicant  
4 only if it the private school has reached its maximum general capacity or seating  
5 capacity. Except as provided in ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), the state superintendent  
6 shall ensure that the private school determines which pupils to accept on a random  
7 basis, except that the private school may give preference to the following in accepting  
8 applications, in the order of preference listed:

9 **SECTION 6.** 118.60 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

10 118.60 (3) (am) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private  
11 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in an eligible school district:

12 1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under  
13 sub. (2) (a) 3. a. may accept applications for a school year during application periods  
14 determined by the department from pupils who reside in an eligible school district.  
15 For each school year, the department shall establish one or more application periods  
16 under this subdivision, the first of which begins no earlier than February 1 of the  
17 school year before the applicable school year, and the last of which ends no later than  
18 September 14 of the applicable school year.

19 2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to  
20 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the private  
21 school under this section and the names of those applicants who have siblings who  
22 also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this section. The  
23 private school shall submit the report no later than 10 days after each application  
24 period described under subd. 1. during which the private school received  
25 applications.

1           3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1., upon  
2 receipt of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum  
3 of all applicants for pupils residing in an eligible school district. In determining the  
4 sum, the department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one  
5 private school under the program only once. If, after the end of an application period  
6 described under subd. 1., the sum of all applicants for pupils residing in an eligible  
7 school district exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a., the department shall  
8 determine which applications submitted during the application period to accept on  
9 a random basis, except that the department shall give preference to the applications  
10 of pupils described in par. (a) 1m. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that  
11 paragraph.

12           4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a.,  
13 the department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences  
14 required under subd. 3.

15           5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in an eligible school  
16 district under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private  
17 school determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this  
18 paragraph. If, upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department  
19 determines that the number of pupils attending private schools under this section  
20 falls below the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a., the department shall fill any  
21 available slot with a pupil selected from the waiting list established under subd. 4.,  
22 if such a waiting list exists.

23           **SECTION 7.** 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) All of the following apply to applications to attend a  
25 private school under this section ~~only if the limitation under sub. (2) (be) applies to~~

1 the school year for which the application is made submitted by pupils who reside in  
2 a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district:

3 **SECTION 8.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 3.  
4 (intro.) and amended to read:

5 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. (intro.) Annually After the end of the application period  
6 described under subd. 1., upon receipt of the information under subd. 2., the  
7 department shall, for each school district, determine the sum of all applicants for  
8 pupils residing in that school district under this paragraph and the sum of all  
9 applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other than an eligible school  
10 district or a 1st class city school district. In determining the sum those sums, the  
11 department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private  
12 school under the program only once. After determining the sum of all applicants for  
13 pupils residing in a school district, those sums, if any of the following applies, the  
14 department shall determine which applications to accept on a random basis, except  
15 that the department shall give preference to the applications of pupils described in  
16 par. (a) 1m. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that paragraph.:

17 **SECTION 9.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:

18 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in a school  
19 district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, exceeds  
20 the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be).

21 b. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other than  
22 an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, exceeds the program cap  
23 under sub. (2) (bh) 2. b.

24 **SECTION 10.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 4.  
25 (intro.) and amended to read:

1           118.60 (3) (ar) 4. (intro.) ~~For each school district in which private schools~~  
2 ~~received applications under subd. 1. that exceeded the school district's pupil~~  
3 ~~participation limit under sub. (2) (be), the~~ The department shall establish a waiting  
4 list in accordance with the preferences required under subd. 3. for each of the  
5 following:

6           **SECTION 11.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:

7           118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. A school district, other than an eligible school district or a  
8 1st class city school district, for which the sum described under subd. 3. a. exceeds  
9 the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be).

10          b. All school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city  
11 school district, if the sum described under subd. 3. b. exceeds the program cap under  
12 sub. (2) (bh) 2. b.

13           **SECTION 12.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

14           118.60 (3) (ar) 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in a  
15 school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district,  
16 under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school  
17 determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If,  
18 upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the  
19 number of pupils attending private schools under this section falls below a school  
20 district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be), or below the program cap under  
21 sub. (2) (bh) 2. b., the department shall fill any available slot in that school district  
22 or program with a pupil selected from the school district's applicable waiting list  
23 established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list exists.

24           **SECTION 13.** 118.60 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

**SECTION 13**

1           118.60 (3) (b) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides  
2 ~~within in~~ an eligible school district because the private school has too few available  
3 spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her application to a participating private  
4 school that has space available. An applicant who is rejected under this paragraph  
5 or an applicant who is on the waiting list under par. (am) 4. may, subject to sub. (2)  
6 (bh) 2. a., be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this  
7 section for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside  
8 ~~within in~~ an eligible school district. The department may not require, in that  
9 following school year, the private school to submit financial information regarding  
10 the applicant or to verify the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program  
11 under this section on the basis of family income.

12           **SECTION 14.** 118.60 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           118.60 (3) (c) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides  
14 in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
15 district, because the private school has too few available spaces, the applicant may  
16 transfer his or her application to a participating private school that has space  
17 available. An applicant who is rejected under this paragraph or an applicant who  
18 is on the a waiting list under ~~sub. (3)~~ par. (ar) 4. a. or b. may, subject to sub. (2) (be)  
19 and (bh) 2. b., be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this  
20 section for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside  
21 in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
22 district. The department may not require, in that following school year, the private  
23 school to submit financial information regarding the applicant or to verify the  
24 eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program under this section on the  
25 basis of family income.

1           **SECTION 15.** 118.60 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           118.60 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible  
3 school district under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the  
4 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a school  
5 district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that the  
6 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a  
7 program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

8           **SECTION 16.** 118.60 (4v) (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

9           118.60 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private  
10 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the  
11 following as a resident of a school district, other than an eligible school district or a  
12 1st class city school district, who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

13           1. The pupil was a resident of an eligible school district when the pupil applied  
14 to participate in the program under this section.

15           2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program  
16 under this section as a resident of an eligible school district.

17           3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than an eligible school district  
18 or a 1st class city school district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

19           4. The private school the pupil is attending under this section accepts  
20 applications under this section from pupils who reside in school districts, other than  
21 an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district.

22           (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school district, other  
23 than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, under par. (c) for a  
24 school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school  
25 year for purposes of determining whether the school district has exceeded its pupil

1 participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that the pupil is not counted for that school  
2 year for purposes of determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or  
3 b. has been exceeded.

4 **SECTION 17.** 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) ~~and~~, (ar), and (b), any pupil in grades  
6 kindergarten to 12 who resides within the city may attend any private school if all  
7 of the following apply:

8 **SECTION 18.** 119.23 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

9 119.23 (2) (b) 1. In this paragraph, “program cap” means the total number of  
10 pupils residing in the city who attended a private school under this section in the  
11 2019-20 school year.

12 2. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils residing  
13 in the city who may attend a private school under this section during a school year  
14 may not exceed the program cap.

15 **SECTION 19.** 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil’s parent or guardian shall submit  
17 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating  
18 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same  
19 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single  
20 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during  
21 which an application is received and subject to par. (ar), the private school shall  
22 notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been accepted.  
23 If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the reason. ~~A~~  
24 Subject to par. (ar), a private school may reject an applicant only if it the private  
25 school has reached its maximum general capacity or seating capacity. The Except

1 as provided in par. (ar), the state superintendent shall ensure that the private school  
2 determines which pupils to accept on a random basis, except that the private school  
3 may give preference to the following in accepting applications, in order of preference  
4 listed:

5 **SECTION 20.** 119.23 (3) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

6 119.23 (3) (ar) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private  
7 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in the city:

8 1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under  
9 sub. (2) (a) 3. may accept applications for a school year during application periods  
10 determined by the department from pupils who reside in the city. For each school  
11 year, the department shall establish one or more application periods under this  
12 subdivision, the first of which begins no later than February 1 of the school year  
13 before the applicable school year, and the last of which ends no later than September  
14 14 of the applicable school year.

15 2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to  
16 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the private  
17 school under this section and the names of those applicants who have siblings who  
18 also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this section. The  
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20 period described under subd. 1. during which the private school received  
21 applications.

22 3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1, upon receipt  
23 of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum of all  
24 applicants for pupils residing in the city. In determining the sum, the department  
25 shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private school under the



1 program only once. If, after the end of an application period described under subd.  
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4 during the application period to accept on a random basis, except that the  
5 department shall give preference to the applications of pupils described in par. (a)  
6 1. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that paragraph.

7 4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (b), the  
8 department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences required  
9 under subd. 3.

10 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in the city under this  
11 paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school determines that  
12 a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If, upon receiving  
13 notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the number of pupils  
14 attending private schools under this section falls below the program cap under sub.  
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16 waiting list established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list exists.

17 **SECTION 21.** 119.23 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 119.23 (3) (b) If the private school rejects an applicant because it the private  
19 school has too few available spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her application  
20 to a participating private school that has space available. An applicant who is  
21 rejected under this paragraph or an applicant who is on the waiting list under par.  
22 (ar) 4. may, subject to sub. (2) (b), be admitted to a private school participating in the  
23 program under this section for the following school year, provided that the applicant  
24 continues to reside within in the city. The department may not require, in that  
25 following school year, the private school to submit financial information regarding

1 the applicant or to verify the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program  
2 under this section on the basis of family income.

3 **SECTION 22.** 119.23 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 119.23 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of the city  
5 under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not  
6 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a school district has  
7 exceeded its pupil participation limit under s. 118.60 (2) (be) and that the pupil is not  
8 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a program cap  
9 under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

10 **SECTION 23.** 119.23 (4v) (c), (d) and (e) of the statutes are created to read:

11 119.23 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private  
12 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the  
13 following as a resident of a school district, other than a 1st class city school district,  
14 who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

15 1. The pupil was a resident of the city when the pupil applied to participate in  
16 the program under this section.

17 2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program  
18 under this section as a resident of the city.

19 3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than a 1st class city school  
20 district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

21 4. The private school at which the pupil accepted a space under this section is  
22 participating in the program under s. 118.60.

23 (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible school  
24 district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), under par. (c) for a school year, the  
25 department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school year for

1 purposes of determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh)  
2 2. a. has been exceeded.

3 (e) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school district, other  
4 than an eligible school district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), or a 1st class city  
5 school district, under par. (c) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the  
6 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether the  
7 school district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under s. 118.60 (2) (be) and  
8 that the pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether  
9 a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. b. has been exceeded.

10 **SECTION 24. Initial applicability.**

11 (1) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; PROGRAM CAPS. The treatment of ss. 118.60 (3)  
12 (am) and (ar) (intro.) and 5. and 119.23 (3) (ar), the renumbering and amendment of  
13 s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. and 4., and the creation of s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b. and 4. a.  
14 and b. first apply to an application to attend in a private school under s. 118.60 or  
15 119.23 in the 2020-21 school year.

16 (2) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; TRANSFERRING APPLICANTS BETWEEN PROGRAMS.  
17 The treatment of ss. 118.60 (4v) (b), (c), and (d) and 119.23 (4v) (b), (c), (d), and (e) first  
18 applies to counting pupils for the pupil participation limits under s. 118.60 (2) (be)  
19 and the program caps under ss. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. and b. and 119.23 (2) (b) for the  
20 2020-21 school year.

21 (END)

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2           115.7915 (2) SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS. (intro.) Beginning in the 2016-17  
3 school year, the department shall, subject to sub. (11), provide to a child with a  
4 disability a scholarship under sub. (4m) (a) to attend an eligible school if all of the  
5 following apply:

History: 2015 a. 55, 289, 297; 2017 a. 36, 59; 2017 a. 364 s. 48.

6           **SECTION 2.** 115.7915 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

7           115.7915 (11) SUNSET. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the department  
8 may not provide a scholarship under this section to a child with a disability to attend  
9 a private school unless the child attended a private school under a scholarship under  
10 this section in the 2019-20 school year. If the child does not attend a private school  
11 under a scholarship under this section in any school year after the 2019-20 school  
12 year, the department may not provide a scholarship under this section to the child  
13 for any school year after that school year.

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Please prepare this bill for introduction.

Thank you,

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1 AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. and 118.60 (3) (ar) 4.; *to*

2 *amend* 115.7915 (2) (intro.), 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.), 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g., 118.60 (2)

3 (be) 3., 118.60 (3) (a) (intro.), 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.), 118.60 (3) (ar) 5., 118.60 (3)

4 (b), 118.60 (3) (c), 118.60 (4v) (b), 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.), 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.),

5 119.23 (3) (b) and 119.23 (4v) (b); and *to create* 115.7915 (11), 118.60 (2) (bh),

6 118.60 (3) (am), 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b., 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. and b., 118.60 (4v)

7 (c) and (d), 119.23 (2) (b), 119.23 (3) (ar) and 119.23 (4v) (c), (d) and (e) of the

8 statutes; **relating to:** phasing out the Special Needs Scholarship Program and

9 limiting enrollment in parental choice programs.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill phases out the Special Needs Scholarship Program and caps the total number of pupils who may participate in a parental choice program.

Under current law, a child with a disability who meets certain eligibility criteria may receive a scholarship to attend a private school participating in the SNSP. The bill provides that, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the Department of Public Instruction may not provide an SNSP scholarship to a child to attend a private school unless the child was attending a private school under the SNSP in the 2019-20

school year. In addition, if the child does not attend a private school under an SNSP scholarship in any school year after the 2019-20 school year, DPI may not provide an SNSP scholarship to the child for any subsequent school year.

The bill caps the total number of pupils who may participate in a parental choice program — the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, the Racine Parental Choice Program, or the statewide parental choice program — at the number of pupils who attended a private school under that parental choice program in the 2019-20 school year. Under the bill, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, if the number of applications to participate in a parental choice program exceeds the program cap, DPI must determine which applications to accept on a random basis, subject to certain admission preferences that exist under current law.

Under current law, pupils may submit applications to attend a private school under the statewide parental choice program for the following school year from February 1 to April 20, and a private school that receives applications must, no later than the May 1 immediately following the application period, report the number of applicants to DPI so that DPI may determine whether a pupil participation limitation has been exceeded. The bill provides that, beginning with applications for the 2020-21 school year, DPI must establish one or more application periods during which pupils may submit applications to attend a private school under the MPCP or RPCP. The bill provides that a private school that receives applications during an application period must, no later than 10 days after the application period ends, report the number of applicants to DPI so that DPI may determine whether a program cap has been exceeded. The bill does not change the application period for the statewide parental choice program and requires DPI to use the information required to be reported under current law to determine whether the program cap for the statewide parental choice program has been exceeded.

The bill also requires DPI to establish a waiting list for a parental choice program if the program cap for the parental choice program has been exceeded.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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1           **SECTION 1.** 115.7915 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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5 following apply:

6           **SECTION 2.** 115.7915 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

1           115.7915 (11) SUNSET. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the department  
2           may not provide a scholarship under this section to a child with a disability to attend  
3           a private school unless the child attended a private school under a scholarship under  
4           this section in the 2019-20 school year. If the child does not attend a private school  
5           under a scholarship under this section in any school year after the 2019-20 school  
6           year, the department may not provide a scholarship under this section to the child  
7           for any school year after that school year.

8           **SECTION 3.** 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) ~~and~~, (ar), and (bh), any pupil in grades  
10          kindergarten to 12 who resides ~~within~~ in an eligible school district may attend any  
11          private school under this section and, subject to pars. (ag), (ar), (be), (bh), (bm), and  
12          (bs), any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides in a school district, other  
13          than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, may attend any  
14          private school under this section if all of the following apply:

15          **SECTION 4.** 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. of the statutes is amended to read:

16          118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. If the pupil resides in a school district, other than ~~an eligible~~  
17          ~~school district or a 1st class city school district~~, the pupil was on a waiting list under  
18          sub. (3) (am) 4. or (ar) 4. in any previous school year.

19          **SECTION 5.** 118.60 (2) (be) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

20          118.60 (2) (be) 3. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, ~~there is no limit on~~  
21          ~~the number of pupils who may attend private schools~~ the limits under this section  
22          paragraph do not apply.

23          **SECTION 6.** 118.60 (2) (bh) of the statutes is created to read:

24          118.60 (2) (bh) 1. In this paragraph, “program cap” means any of the following:



1 a. For an eligible school district, the total number of pupils residing in the  
2 eligible school district who attended a private school under this section in the  
3 2019-20 school year.

4 b. For all school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city  
5 school district, the total number of pupils residing in those school districts who  
6 attended a private school under this section in the 2019-20 school year.

7 2. a. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils  
8 residing in an eligible school district who may attend a private school under this  
9 section during a school year may not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. a.

10 b. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils residing  
11 in school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
12 district, who may attend a private school under this section during a school year may  
13 not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. b.

14 **SECTION 7.** 118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian shall submit  
16 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating  
17 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same  
18 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single  
19 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during  
20 which an application is received and subject to ~~par. pars. (am) and (ar)~~, the private  
21 school shall notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been  
22 accepted. If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the  
23 reason. Subject to ~~par. pars. (am) and (ar)~~, a private school may reject an applicant  
24 only if ~~it~~ the private school has reached its maximum general capacity or seating  
25 capacity. Except as provided in ~~par. pars. (am) and (ar)~~, the state superintendent

1 shall ensure that the private school determines which pupils to accept on a random  
2 basis, except that the private school may give preference to the following in accepting  
3 applications, in the order of preference listed:

4 **SECTION 8.** 118.60 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

5 118.60 (3) (am) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private  
6 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in an eligible school district:

7 1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under  
8 sub. (2) (a) 3. a. may accept applications for a school year during application periods  
9 determined by the department from pupils who reside in an eligible school district.

10 For each school year, the department shall establish one or more application periods  
11 under this subdivision, the first of which begins no earlier than February 1 of the  
12 school year before the applicable school year, and the last of which ends no later than  
13 September 14 of the applicable school year.

14 2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to  
15 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the private  
16 school under this section and the names of those applicants who have siblings who  
17 also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this section. The  
18 private school shall submit the report no later than 10 days after each application  
19 period described under subd. 1. during which the private school received  
20 applications.

21 3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1., upon  
22 receipt of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum  
23 of all applicants for pupils residing in an eligible school district. In determining the  
24 sum, the department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one  
25 private school under the program only once. If, after the end of an application period

1 described under subd. 1., the sum of all applicants for pupils residing in an eligible  
2 school district exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a., the department shall  
3 determine which applications submitted during the application period to accept on  
4 a random basis, except that the department shall give preference to the applications  
5 of pupils described in par. (a) 1m. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that  
6 paragraph.

7 4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a.,  
8 the department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences  
9 required under subd. 3.

10 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in an eligible school  
11 district under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private  
12 school determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this  
13 paragraph. If, upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department  
14 determines that the number of pupils attending private schools under this section  
15 falls below the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a., the department shall fill any  
16 available slot with a pupil selected from the waiting list established under subd. 4.,  
17 if such a waiting list exists.

18 **SECTION 9.** 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) All of the following apply to applications to attend a  
20 private school under this section ~~only if the limitation under sub. (2) (be) applies to~~  
21 ~~the school year for which the application is made~~ submitted by pupils who reside in  
22 a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district:

23 **SECTION 10.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 3.  
24 (intro.) and amended to read:

1           118.60 (3) (ar) 3. (intro.) ~~Annually~~ After the end of the application period  
2 described under subd. 1., upon receipt of the information under subd. 2., the  
3 department shall, for each school district, determine the sum of all applicants for  
4 pupils residing in that school district under this paragraph and the sum of all  
5 applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other than an eligible school  
6 district or a 1st class city school district. In determining the sum those sums, the  
7 department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private  
8 school under the program only once. ~~After determining the sum of all applicants for~~  
9 ~~pupils residing in a school district,~~ those sums, if any of the following applies, the  
10 department shall determine which applications to accept on a random basis, except  
11 that the department shall give preference to the applications of pupils described in  
12 par. (a) 1m. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that paragraph.:

13           **SECTION 11.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:

14           118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in a school  
15 district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, exceeds  
16 the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be).

17           b. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other than  
18 an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, exceeds the program cap  
19 under sub. (2) (bh) 2. b.

20           **SECTION 12.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 4.  
21 (intro.) and amended to read:

22           118.60 (3) (ar) 4. (intro.) ~~For each school district in which private schools~~  
23 ~~received applications under subd. 1. that exceeded the school district's pupil~~  
24 ~~participation limit under sub. (2) (be), the~~ The department shall establish a waiting

1 list in accordance with the preferences required under subd. 3. for each of the  
2 following:

3 **SECTION 13.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:

4 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. A school district, other than an eligible school district or a  
5 1st class city school district, for which the sum described under subd. 3. a. exceeds  
6 the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be).

7 b. All school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city  
8 school district, if the sum described under subd. 3. b. exceeds the program cap under  
9 sub. (2) (bh) 2. b.

10 **SECTION 14.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 118.60 (3) (ar) 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in a  
12 school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district,  
13 under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school  
14 determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If,  
15 upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the  
16 number of pupils attending private schools under this section falls below a school  
17 district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be), or below the program cap under  
18 sub. (2) (bh) 2. b., the department shall fill any available slot in that school district  
19 or program with a pupil selected from the school district's applicable waiting list  
20 established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list exists.

21 **SECTION 15.** 118.60 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 118.60 (3) (b) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides  
23 within in an eligible school district because the private school has too few available  
24 spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her application to a participating private  
25 school that has space available. An applicant who is rejected under this paragraph

1 or an applicant who is on the waiting list under par. (am) 4. may, subject to sub. (2)  
2 (bh) 2. a., be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this  
3 section for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside  
4 ~~within~~ in an eligible school district. The department may not require, in that  
5 following school year, the private school to submit financial information regarding  
6 the applicant or to verify the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program  
7 under this section on the basis of family income.

8 **SECTION 16.** 118.60 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 118.60 (3) (c) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides  
10 in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school  
11 district, because the private school has too few available spaces, the applicant may  
12 transfer his or her application to a participating private school that has space  
13 available. An applicant who is rejected under this paragraph or an applicant who  
14 is on the a waiting list under par. (ar) 4. a. or b. may, subject to sub. (2) (be) and (bh)  
15 2. b., be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this section  
16 for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside in a  
17 school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district.  
18 The department may not require, in that following school year, the private school to  
19 submit financial information regarding the applicant or to verify the eligibility of the  
20 applicant to participate in the program under this section on the basis of family  
21 income.

22 **SECTION 17.** 118.60 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 118.60 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible  
24 school district under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the  
25 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a school

1 district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that the  
2 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a  
3 program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

4 **SECTION 18.** 118.60 (4v) (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

5 118.60 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private  
6 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the  
7 following as a resident of a school district, other than an eligible school district or a  
8 1st class city school district, who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

9 1. The pupil was a resident of an eligible school district when the pupil applied  
10 to participate in the program under this section.

11 2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program  
12 under this section as a resident of an eligible school district.

13 3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than an eligible school district  
14 or a 1st class city school district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

15 4. The private school the pupil is attending under this section accepts  
16 applications under this section from pupils who reside in school districts, other than  
17 an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district.

18 (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school district, other  
19 than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, under par. (c) for a  
20 school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school  
21 year for purposes of determining whether the school district has exceeded its pupil  
22 participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that the pupil is not counted for that school  
23 year for purposes of determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or  
24 b. has been exceeded.

25 **SECTION 19.** 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) ~~and~~, (ar), and (b), any pupil in grades  
2 kindergarten to 12 who resides within the city may attend any private school if all  
3 of the following apply:

4           **SECTION 20.** 119.23 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5           119.23 (2) (b) 1. In this paragraph, “program cap” means the total number of  
6 pupils residing in the city who attended a private school under this section in the  
7 2019-20 school year.

8           2. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, the total number of pupils residing  
9 in the city who may attend a private school under this section during a school year  
10 may not exceed the program cap.

11          **SECTION 21.** 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12          119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil’s parent or guardian shall submit  
13 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating  
14 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same  
15 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single  
16 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during  
17 which an application is received and subject to par. (ar), the private school shall  
18 notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been accepted.  
19 If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the reason. ~~A~~  
20 Subject to par. (ar), a private school may reject an applicant only if it the private  
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23 determines which pupils to accept on a random basis, except that the private school  
24 may give preference to the following in accepting applications, in order of preference  
25 listed:



1           **SECTION 22.** 119.23 (3) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

2           119.23 (3) (ar) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private  
3 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in the city:

4           1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under  
5 sub. (2) (a) 3. may accept applications for a school year during application periods  
6 determined by the department from pupils who reside in the city. For each school  
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8 subdivision, the first of which begins no later than February 1 of the school year  
9 before the applicable school year, and the last of which ends no later than September  
10 14 of the applicable school year.

11           2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to  
12 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the private  
13 school under this section and the names of those applicants who have siblings who  
14 also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this section. The  
15 private school shall submit the report no later than 10 days after each application  
16 period described under subd. 1. during which the private school received  
17 applications.

18           3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1, upon receipt  
19 of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum of all  
20 applicants for pupils residing in the city. In determining the sum, the department  
21 shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private school under the  
22 program only once. If, after the end of an application period described under subd.  
23 1., the sum of all applicants for pupils residing in the city exceeds the program cap  
24 under sub. (2) (b), the department shall determine which applications submitted  
25 during the application period to accept on a random basis, except that the

1 department shall give preference to the applications of pupils described in par. (a)  
2 1. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that paragraph.

3 4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (b), the  
4 department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences required  
5 under subd. 3.

6 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in the city under this  
7 paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school determines that  
8 a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If, upon receiving  
9 notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the number of pupils  
10 attending private schools under this section falls below the program cap under sub.  
11 (2) (b), the department shall fill any available slot with a pupil selected from the  
12 waiting list established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list exists.

13 **SECTION 23.** 119.23 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 119.23 (3) (b) If the private school rejects an applicant because it the private  
15 school has too few available spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her application  
16 to a participating private school that has space available. An applicant who is  
17 rejected under this paragraph or an applicant who is on the waiting list under par.  
18 (ar) 4. may, subject to sub. (2) (b), be admitted to a private school participating in the  
19 program under this section for the following school year, provided that the applicant  
20 continues to reside within in the city. The department may not require, in that  
21 following school year, the private school to submit financial information regarding  
22 the applicant or to verify the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the program  
23 under this section on the basis of family income.

24 **SECTION 24.** 119.23 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           119.23 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of the city  
2 under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not  
3 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a school district has  
4 exceeded its pupil participation limit under s. 118.60 (2) (be) and that the pupil is not  
5 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a program cap  
6 under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

7           **SECTION 25.** 119.23 (4v) (c), (d) and (e) of the statutes are created to read:

8           119.23 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private  
9 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the  
10 following as a resident of a school district, other than a 1st class city school district,  
11 who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

12           1. The pupil was a resident of the city when the pupil applied to participate in  
13 the program under this section.

14           2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program  
15 under this section as a resident of the city.

16           3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than a 1st class city school  
17 district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

18           4. The private school at which the pupil accepted a space under this section is  
19 participating in the program under s. 118.60.

20           (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible school  
21 district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), under par. (c) for a school year, the  
22 department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school year for  
23 purposes of determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh)  
24 2. a. has been exceeded.

1 (e) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school district, other  
2 than an eligible school district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), or a 1st class city  
3 school district, under par. (c) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the  
4 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether the  
5 school district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under s. 118.60 (2) (be) and  
6 that the pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether  
7 a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. b. has been exceeded.

8 **SECTION 26. Initial applicability.**

9 (1) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; PROGRAM CAPS. The treatment of ss. 118.60 (3)  
10 (am) and (ar) (intro.) and 5. and 119.23 (3) (ar), the renumbering and amendment of  
11 s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. and 4., and the creation of s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b. and 4. a.  
12 and b. first apply to an application to attend in a private school under s. 118.60 or  
13 119.23 in the 2020-21 school year.

14 (2) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; TRANSFERRING APPLICANTS BETWEEN PROGRAMS.  
15 The treatment of ss. 118.60 (4v) (b), (c), and (d) and 119.23 (4v) (b), (c), (d), and (e) first  
16 applies to counting pupils for the pupil participation limits under s. 118.60 (2) (be)  
17 and the program caps under ss. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. and b. and 119.23 (2) (b) for the  
18 2020-21 school year.

19 (END)

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