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# Exceptions in parental choice programs and the Special Needs Scholarship Program; schools closed by the Department of Heath Services or a local health officer.

Current law allows DPI to bar a private school from participating in a parental choice program or the SNSP in the current school year if the private school fails to comply with specified program requirements. For certain program violations, current law allows DPI to bar a private school from participating in the following school year. Current law also allows DPI to withhold program payments if a participating private school fails to comply with program requirements.

Under the bill, if a participating private school is closed by DHS or a local health officer for ten or more school days during a school year, DPI may not withhold program payments or bar the private school from participating in the parental choice program or the SNSP in the current or following school year if the private school demonstrates to DPI that the failure to comply with the program requirement was due to the school closure.

Under current law, a private school participating in a parental choice program must maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance. Under the bill, this requirement does not apply in a school year during which the private school is closed by DHS or a local health officer for ten or more school days.

### Private schools; waiver for hours of instruction in the 2019-20 school year.

Under the bill, in the 2019-20 school year, upon request from a private school, DPI may waive any requirement related to a private school providing hours of instruction.

# Wisconsin Parental Choice Program; application deadlines for the 2020-21 school year.

The bill extends two deadlines related to pupil applications to attend a private school in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program in the 2020–21 school year. First, under the bill, a private school participating in the WPCP may accept WPCP applications for the 2020–21 school year from pupils until May 14, 2020, rather than April 16, 2020, under current law. Second, under the bill, private schools participating in the WPCP have until May 29, 2020, to submit information to DPI about the number of WPCP applications the private school received from pupils for the 2020–21 school year. Under current law, private schools participating in the WPCP are required to submit this information to DPI by May 1, 2020.

# Full-time open enrollment program; application deadlines for the 2020-21 school year.

Under current law, a pupil may attend a public school in a school district other than the pupil's resident school district under the full-time open enrollment program (OEP). Current law specifies specific dates by which various steps must occur in the OEP application process. For example, under current law, the last day to submit an application to attend a nonresident school district under the OEP in the 2020–21 school year is April 30, 2020.

This bill extends statutory deadlines related to applications to attend a nonresident school district under the OEP by approximately 30 days. For example, under the bill, the last day to submit an application to attend a nonresident school district under the OEP in the 2020–21 school year is May 29, 2020.

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. 115.385 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

  115.385 (1) (intro.) Annually Except as provided in sub. (6), annually by
- November 30, the department shall publish a school and school district accountability report that includes all of the following components:
- 5 **Section 2.** 115.385 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

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- 6 115.385 **(6)** The department shall not publish a school and school district accountability report under this section in the 2020–21 school year.
  - **Section 3.** 115.415 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.415 (1) (b) For the evaluation of teachers and principals in the 2014–15 2019–20 school year, the school board and the operator of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) may not consider pupil performance on statewide assessments administered under s. 118.30 in the 2014–15 2019–20 school year and may not include pupil performance on those assessments in the evaluation score assigned to a teacher or principal under the educator effectiveness evaluation system developed under this section.

**SECTION 4.** 115.7915 (8m) of the statutes is created to read:

115.7915 (8m) Public Health exception. If a private school participating in the program under this section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services, in the school year during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may not withhold payment from the private school under sub. (8) (c) or bar the private school from participating in the program under sub. (8) (a) for failing to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this section if all of the following occur:

- (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of not complying with the requirement.
- (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with the requirement was caused by the closure.
  - **SECTION 5.** 115.999 (1) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

of the following:

115.999 (1) (d) 1. The school district was assigned to the lowest performance
category on the $\underline{2}$ most recent accountability reports published for the district under
s. 115.385 (1) in the 2 most recent school years.
SECTION 6. 115.999 (2m) (b) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:
115.999 (2m) (b) 1. a. The unified school district was assigned to the lowest
performance category on the $3 \text{ most recent}$ accountability reports published for the
district under s. 115.385 (1) in the 3 most recent school years.
SECTION 7. 118.38 (2) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
118.38 (2) (am) (intro.) In determining whether to grant the a waiver under
sub. (1), the department shall consider all of the following factors and may consider
additional factors:
<b>SECTION 8.</b> 118.38 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
118.38 (3) A waiver granted under sub. (2) is effective for 4 years. The
department shall renew the waiver for additional 4-year periods if the school board
has evaluated the educational and financial effects of the waiver over the previous
4-year period, except that the department is not required to renew a waiver if the
department determines that the school district is not making adequate progress
toward improving pupil academic performance.
<b>SECTION 9.</b> 118.38 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
118.38 (4) (a) If schools are closed for at least 10 school days in a school year
by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health
services, the department may do all of the following:
1. Waive any requirement in chs. 115 to 121 or the administrative rules
promulgated by the department under the authority of those chapters related to any

- a. A program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23.
- b. A private school participating in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23.
  - c. A charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), including any requirement related to an authorizer, governing board, or operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).
    - 2. Establish an alternate deadline for any requirement related to a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 in chs. 115 to 121 and any requirement related to a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 in the administrative rules promulgated by the department under the authority of chs. 115 to 121 if the original deadline is any of the following:
    - a. A deadline that occurs during the period beginning on the first day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services and ending 120 days after the last day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services.
    - b. A deadline for a requirement that impacts a date during the period beginning on the first day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services and ending 120 days after the last day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services.
    - (b) 1. The department shall notify the legislative reference bureau of each waiver under par. (a) 1. and alternate deadline established under par. (a) 2. The legislative reference bureau shall publish a notice in the Wisconsin Administrative Register of the waiver or alternate deadline.
- 24 2. The department shall post each waiver under par. (a) 1. and alternate deadline established under par. (a) 2. on the department's Internet site.

(c) A waiver under par. (a) 1. applies only to the school year in which schools are closed by the local health officer or the department of health services.

**SECTION 10.** 118.60 (7) (an) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.60 (7) (an) 1. A private school participating in the program under this section shall maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance. If a private school does not maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department. This subdivision does not apply to a school year in which the private school participating in the program was closed for at least 10 days by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services.

3. If a private school ceases to participate in or is barred from the program under this section and s. 119.23 and the private school's reserve balance is positive, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department.

**Section 11.** 118.60 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (12) If a private school participating in the program under this section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services, in the school year during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may not withhold payment from the private school under sub. (10) (d) or bar the private school from participating in the program under sub. (10) (a), (am), or (ar) for failing to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this section if all of the following occur:

(a) The private school submits information to the department that explains how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the

- requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of not complying with the requirement.
  - (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with the requirement was caused by the closure.

**SECTION 12.** 119.23 (7) (an) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.23 (7) (an) 1. A private school participating in the program under this section shall maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance. If a private school does not maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department. This subdivision does not apply to a school year in which the private school participating in the program was closed for at least 10 days by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services.

3. If a private school ceases to participate in or is barred from the program under this section and s. 118.60 and the private school's reserve balance is positive, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department.

**Section 13.** 119.23 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (12) If a private school participating in the program under this section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services, in the school year during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may not withhold payment from the private school under sub. (10) (d) or bar the private school from participating in the program under sub. (10) (a), (am), or (ar) for failing to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this section if all of the following occur:

- (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of not complying with the requirement.
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**SECTION 14.** 119.33 (2) (b) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.33 (2) (b) 3. b. A person who is operating a charter school. The superintendent of schools may proceed under this subd. 3. b. only if one of the following applies: the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1r) of pupils attending a school operated by the person exceeds the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1) of pupils attending the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision; or, in each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the person on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been published for a charter school described in this subd. 3. b., the superintendent of schools shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

**Section 15.** 119.33 (2) (b) 3. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.33 (2) (b) 3. c. The governing body of a nonsectarian private school participating in a program under s. 118.60 or 119.23. The superintendent of schools

may proceed under this subd. 3. c. only if one of the following applies: the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1s) or (1t) of pupils attending a school operated by the governing body exceeds the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1) of pupils attending the school being transferred to the governing body under this subdivision; or, in each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the governing body on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the governing body under this subdivision in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been published for a private school described in this subd. 3. c., the superintendent of schools shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

**Section 16.** 119.33 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.33 **(5)** (b) 2. The school district operating under this chapter has been assigned in the 3 most recent school years a performance category of "fails to meet expectations" on the 3 most recent accountability report reports published under s. 115.385 (1).

**Section 17.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.9002 **(2)** (d) 2. a. The performance, on <u>the most recent</u> examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1r), of pupils attending a school operated by the person exceeds the performance, on <u>the most recent</u> examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1), of pupils attending the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision.

**Section 18.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.9002 (2) (d) 2. b. The In each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the person on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been published for a school described in this subd. 2. b., the commissioner shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

**Section 19.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

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**Section 20.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

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this subd. 3. b., the commissioner shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

**SECTION 21.** 119.9004 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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#### Section 22. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) Pupil assessments; public health emergency exception for the 2019-20 school year. Sections 115.7915 (5) (b) and (6) (j), 118.30 (1m), (1r), (1s), and (1t), 118.40 (2r) (d) 2. and (2x) (d) 2., 118.60 (7) (b) 1., 119.23 (7) (b) 1., and 121.02 (1) (r) and (s) do not apply in the 2019-20 school year.
- (2) Direct hours of instruction; waiver for private schools. In the 2019–20 school year, the governing body of a private school may request the department to waive any requirement related to providing hours of instruction in chs. 115 to 121, including the requirements in ss. 118.165 (1) (c), 118.60 (2) (a) 8., and 119.23 (2) (a) 8., or in administrative rules promulgated by the department under the authority of those chapters.
- (3) STATEWIDE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM; APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.
- (a) Notwithstanding s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 1., a private school that submitted a notice of intent to participate under s. 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a. by January 10, 2020, may accept applications for the 2020–21 school year until May 14, 2020, from pupils who reside in a school district, other than an eligible school district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), or a 1st class city school district.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 2., each private school that receives
applications under s. $118.60$ (3) (ar) 1. for the 2020-21 school year by the deadline
under par. (a), shall report the information required under s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 2. to the
department of public instruction by May 29, 2020.

- (4) Full-time open enrollment; applications for the 2020-21 school year. Notwithstanding s. 118.51 (3) (a) and (b), (8), and (14) (b), all of the following apply to applications to attend a public school in a nonresident school district under s. 118.51 in the 2020-21 school year:
- (a) The deadline for a parent of a pupil to submit an application to a nonresident school district under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. is May 29, 2020.
- (b) The deadline for a nonresident school board to send a copy of an application to a pupil's resident school board and the department under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. is by the end of the day on June 1, 2020.
- (c) The deadline for a resident school board to send a copy of a pupil's individualized education program to a nonresident school district under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1m.is June 8, 2020.
- (d) A nonresident school board may not act on any application received under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. before June 1, 2020.
- (e) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 3. by which a nonresident school board must notify an applicant of whether the applicant's application has been accepted is July 2, 2020.
- (f) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 4. by which a resident school board must notify an applicant and the nonresident school board that an application has been denied is July 9, 2020.

(g) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 6. for a pupil's parent to notify a
nonresident school board of the pupil's intent to attend school in the nonresident
school district in the 2020-21 school year is July 31, 2020, or within 10 days of
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118.51 (5) (d).
(h) By August 7, 2020, each nonresident school board that has accepted a pupil

- (h) By August 7, 2020, each nonresident school board that has accepted a pupil under s. 118.51 for attendance in the 2020–21 school year shall report the name of the pupil to the pupil's resident school board.
- (i) The deadline for a resident school board to provide the information under s. 118.51 (8) to a nonresident school board to which a pupil has applied to attend in the 2020–21 school year is June 5, 2020.
- (j) The deadline under s. 118.51 (14) (b) for the department to provide parents requesting reimbursement under s. 118.51 (14) (b) an estimate of the amount of reimbursement that the parent will receive if the pupil attends public school in the nonresident school district in the 2020–21 school year is June 12, 2020.

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Under current law, upon request from a school board and a public hearing, DPI may waive school district and school board requirements in a state education statute or rule. However, under current law, a school board may not request, and DPI may not grant, a waiver from state education statutes and rules related to certain topics, including the health or safety of pupils, confidentiality of pupil records, and pupil assessments.

# Exceptions in parental choice programs and the Special Needs Scholarship Program; schools closed by the Department of Heath Services or a local health officer.

Current law allows DPI to bar a private school from participating in a parental choice program or the SNSP in the current school year if the private school fails to comply with specified program requirements. For certain program violations, current law allows DPI to bar a private school from participating in the following school year. Current law also allows DPI to withhold program payments if a participating private school fails to comply with program requirements.

Under the bill, during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, if a participating private school is closed by DHS or a local health officer for ten or more school days during a school year, DPI may not withhold program payments or bar the private school from participating in the parental choice program or the SNSP in the current or following school year if the private school demonstrates to DPI that the failure to comply with the program requirement was due to the school closure.

Under current law, a private school participating in a parental choice program must maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance. Under the bill, during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, this requirement does not apply in a school year during which the private school is closed by DHS or a local health officer for ten or more school days.

### Private schools; waiver for hours of instruction in the 2019-20 school year.

Under the bill, in the 2019–20 school year, upon request from a private school, DPI may waive any requirement related to a private school providing hours of instruction.

# Wisconsin Parental Choice Program; application deadlines for the 2020-21 school year.

The bill extends two deadlines related to pupil applications to attend a private school in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program in the 2020–21 school year. First, under the bill, a private school participating in the WPCP may accept WPCP applications for the 2020–21 school year from pupils until May 14, 2020, rather than April 16, 2020, under current law. Second, under the bill, private schools participating in the WPCP have until May 29, 2020, to submit information to DPI about the number of WPCP applications the private school received from pupils for the 2020–21 school year. Under current law, private schools participating in the WPCP are required to submit this information to DPI by May 1, 2020.

# Full-time open enrollment program; application deadlines for the 2020-21 school year.

Under current law, a pupil may attend a public school in a school district other than the pupil's resident school district under the full-time open enrollment program (OEP). Current law specifies specific dates by which various steps must occur in the OEP application process. For example, under current law, the last day to submit an application to attend a nonresident school district under the OEP in the 2020–21 school year is April 30, 2020.

This bill extends statutory deadlines related to applications to attend a nonresident school district under the OEP by approximately 30 days. For example, under the bill, the last day to submit an application to attend a nonresident school district under the OEP in the 2020–21 school year is May 29, 2020.

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.** 115.385 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 115.385 (1) (intro.) Annually Except as provided in sub. (6), annually by
- 3 November 30, the department shall publish a school and school district
- 4 accountability report that includes all of the following components:
- **SECTION 2.** 115.385 (6) of the statutes is created to read:
- 6 115.385 (6) The department shall not publish a school and school district
- 7 accountability report under this section in the 2020-21 school year.
- 8 **Section 3.** 115.415 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.415 (1) (b) For the evaluation of teachers and principals in the 2014–15 2019–20 school year, the school board and the operator of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) may not consider pupil performance on statewide assessments administered under s. 118.30 in the 2014–15 2019–20 school year and may not include pupil performance on those assessments in the evaluation score assigned to a teacher or principal under the educator effectiveness evaluation system developed under this section.

**SECTION 4.** 115.7915 (8m) of the statutes is created to read:

115.7915 (8m) Public Health exception. During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, if a private school participating in the program under this section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services, in the school year during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may not withhold payment from the private school under sub. (8) (c) or bar the private school from participating in the program under sub. (8) (a) for failing to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this section if all of the following occur:

- (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of not complying with the requirement.
- (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with the requirement was caused by the closure.
  - **SECTION 5.** 115.999 (1) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	115.999 (1) (d) 1. The school district was assigned to the lowest performance
2	category on the $\underline{2}$ most recent accountability reports published for the district under
3	s. 115.385 (1) in the 2 most recent school years.
4	SECTION 6. 115.999 (2m) (b) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:
5	115.999 (2m) (b) 1. a. The unified school district was assigned to the lowest
6	performance category on the 3 most recent accountability reports published for the
7	district under s. 115.385 (1) in the 3 most recent school years.
8	SECTION 7. 118.38 (2) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	118.38 (2) (am) (intro.) In determining whether to grant the a waiver under
10	sub. (1), the department shall consider all of the following factors and may consider
11	additional factors:
12	SECTION 8. 118.38 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
13	118.38 (3) A waiver granted under sub. (2) is effective for 4 years. The
14	department shall renew the waiver for additional 4-year periods if the school board
15	has evaluated the educational and financial effects of the waiver over the previous
16	4-year period, except that the department is not required to renew a waiver if the
17	department determines that the school district is not making adequate progress
18	toward improving pupil academic performance.
19	SECTION 9. 118.38 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
20	118.38 (4) (a) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020,
21	by executive order 72, if schools are closed for at least 10 school days in a school year

by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health

services, the department may do all of the following:

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1.	1. Waive any requirement in chs. 115 to 121 or the administrative rules
2	promulgated by the department under the authority of those chapters related to any
3	of the following:
4	a. A program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23.

- a. A program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23.
- b. A private school participating in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 5 6 119.23.
  - c. A charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), including any requirement related to an authorizer, governing board, or operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).
    - 2. Establish an alternate deadline for any requirement related to a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 in chs. 115 to 121 and any requirement related to a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 in the administrative rules promulgated by the department under the authority of chs. 115 to 121 if the original deadline is any of the following:
    - a. A deadline that occurs during the period beginning on the first day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services and ending 120 days after the last day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services.
    - b. A deadline for a requirement that impacts a date during the period beginning on the first day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services and ending 120 days after the last day schools are closed by the local health officer or department of health services.
    - (b) 1. The department shall notify the legislative reference bureau of each waiver under par. (a) 1. and alternate deadline established under par. (a) 2. The

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- legislative reference bureau shall publish a notice in the Wisconsin Administrative Register of the waiver or alternate deadline.
  - 2. The department shall post each waiver under par. (a) 1. and alternate deadline established under par. (a) 2. on the department's Internet site.
  - (c) A waiver under par. (a) 1. applies only to the school year in which schools are closed by the local health officer or the department of health services.

**Section 10.** 118.60 (7) (an) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.60 (7) (an) 1. A private school participating in the program under this section shall maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance. If a private school does not maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department. This subdivision does not apply during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, to a school year in which the private school participating in the program was closed for at least 10 days by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services.

3. If a private school ceases to participate in or is barred from the program under this section and s. 119.23 and the private school's reserve balance is positive, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department.

**Section 11.** 118.60 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (12) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, if a private school participating in the program under this section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services, in the school year during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may

- not withhold payment from the private school under sub. (10) (d) or bar the private school from participating in the program under sub. (10) (a), (am), or (ar) for failing to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this section if all of the following occur:
- (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of not complying with the requirement.
- (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with the requirement was caused by the closure.

**Section 12.** 119.23 (7) (an) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.23 (7) (an) 1. A private school participating in the program under this section shall maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance. If a private school does not maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its reserve balance, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department. This subdivision does not apply during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, to a school year in which the private school participating in the program was closed for at least 10 days by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services.

3. If a private school ceases to participate in or is barred from the program under this section and s. 118.60 and the private school's reserve balance is positive, the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department.

**Section 13.** 119.23 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (12) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020,
by executive order 72, if a private school participating in the program under this
section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer,
as defined in s. $250.01$ (5), or the department of health services, in the school year
during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may
not withhold payment from the private school under sub. $(10)$ $(d)$ or bar the private
school from participating in the program under sub. (10) (a), (am), or (ar) for failing
to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this
section if all of the following occur:

- (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of not complying with the requirement.
- (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with the requirement was caused by the closure.

**SECTION 14.** 119.33 (2) (b) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.33 (2) (b) 3. b. A person who is operating a charter school. The superintendent of schools may proceed under this subd. 3. b. only if one of the following applies: the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1r) of pupils attending a school operated by the person exceeds the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1) of pupils attending the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision; or, in each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the person on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3

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preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been published for a charter school described in this subd. 3. b., the superintendent of schools shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

**SECTION 15.** 119.33 (2) (b) 3. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.33 (2) (b) 3. c. The governing body of a nonsectarian private school participating in a program under s. 118.60 or 119.23. The superintendent of schools may proceed under this subd. 3. c. only if one of the following applies: the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1s) or (1t) of pupils attending a school operated by the governing body exceeds the performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1) of pupils attending the school being transferred to the governing body under this subdivision; or, in each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the governing body on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the governing body under this subdivision in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been published for a private school described in this subd. 3. c., the superintendent of schools shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

**Section 16.** 119.33 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.33 (5) (b) 2. The school district operating under this chapter has been
assigned in the 3 most recent school years a performance category of "fails to meet
expectations" on the $\underline{3}$ most recent accountability report reports published under s.
115.385 (1).

**SECTION 17.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.9002 **(2)** (d) 2. a. The performance, on <u>the most recent</u> examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1r), of pupils attending a school operated by the person exceeds the performance, on <u>the most recent</u> examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1), of pupils attending the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision.

**Section 18.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.9002 (2) (d) 2. b. The In each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the person on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been published for a school described in this subd. 2. b., the commissioner shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

SECTION 19. 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.9002 **(2)** (d) 3. a. The performance, on <u>the most recent</u> examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1s) or (1t), of pupils attending a school operated by the governing body exceeds the performance, on <u>the most recent</u> examinations

administered under s. 118.30 (1), of pupils attending the school being transferred to the governing body under this subdivision.

**Section 20.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.9002 (2) (d) 3. b. The In each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the governing body on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the governing body under this subdivision in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been published for a private school described in this subd. 3. b., the commissioner shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's performance.

**Section 21.** 119.9004 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.9004 (3) (b) 2. The school district operating under this chapter has been assigned in the 3 most recent school years a performance category of "fails to meet expectations" on the 3 most recent accountability report reports published under s. 115.385 (1).

### Section 22. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) Pupil assessments; public health emergency exception for the 2019-20 school year. Sections 115.7915 (5) (b) and (6) (j), 118.30 (1m), (1r), (1s), and (1t), 118.40 (2r) (d) 2. and (2x) (d) 2., 118.60 (7) (b) 1., 119.23 (7) (b) 1., and 121.02 (1) (r) and (s) do not apply in the 2019-20 school year.
- (2) DIRECT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION; WAIVER FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS. In the 2019–20 school year, the governing body of a private school may request the department to waive any requirement related to providing hours of instruction in chs. 115 to 121,

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including the requirements in ss. 118.165 (1) (c), 118.60 (2) (a) 8., and 119.23 (2) (a)	ı)
8., or in administrative rules promulgated by the department under the authority of	of
those chapters.	

- (3) Statewide parental choice program; applications for the 2020-21 school year.
- (a) Notwithstanding s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 1., a private school that submitted a notice of intent to participate under s. 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a. by January 10, 2020, may accept applications for the 2020–21 school year until May 14, 2020, from pupils who reside in a school district, other than an eligible school district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), or a 1st class city school district.
- (b) Notwithstanding s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 2., each private school that receives applications under s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 1. for the 2020–21 school year by the deadline under par. (a), shall report the information required under s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 2. to the department of public instruction by May 29, 2020.
- (4) Full-time open enrollment, applications for the 2020-21 school year. Notwithstanding s. 118.51 (3) (a) and (b), (8), and (14) (b), all of the following apply to applications to attend a public school in a nonresident school district under s. 118.51 in the 2020-21 school year:
- (a) The deadline for a parent of a pupil to submit an application to a nonresident school district under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. is May 29, 2020.
- (b) The deadline for a nonresident school board to send a copy of an application to a pupil's resident school board and the department under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. is by the end of the day on June 1, 2020.

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1	(c) The deadline for a resident school board to send a copy of a pupil's
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3	(a) 1m.is June 8, 2020.
4	(d) A nonresident school board may not act on any application received under

- s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. before June 1, 2020.
- (e) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 3. by which a nonresident school board must notify an applicant of whether the applicant's application has been accepted is July 2, 2020.
- (f) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 4. by which a resident school board must notify an applicant and the nonresident school board that an application has been denied is July 9, 2020.
- (g) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 6. for a pupil's parent to notify a nonresident school board of the pupil's intent to attend school in the nonresident school district in the 2020-21 school year is July 31, 2020, or within 10 days of receiving a notice of acceptance if a pupil is selected from a waiting list under s. 118.51 (5) (d).
- (h) By August 7, 2020, each nonresident school board that has accepted a pupil under s. 118.51 for attendance in the 2020-21 school year shall report the name of the pupil to the pupil's resident school board.
- (i) The deadline for a resident school board to provide the information under s. 118.51 (8) to a nonresident school board to which a pupil has applied to attend in the 2020-21 school year is June 5, 2020.
- (j) The deadline under s. 118.51 (14) (b) for the department to provide parents requesting reimbursement under s. 118.51 (14) (b) an estimate of the amount of

- 1 reimbursement that the parent will receive if the pupil attends public school in the
- 2 nonresident school district in the 2020-21 school year is June 12, 2020.
- 3 (END)