March 7, 2019 – Introduced by Representatives KITCHENS, THIESFELDT, DUCHOW, HEBL, MYERS, NOVAK, POPE, RAMTHUN, SKOWRONSKI, STEFFEN and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators KOYENGA, L. TAYLOR, COWLES and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to create 115.385 (1) (d) 6. and 115.385 (1g) (e) of the statutes; relating to: information on the school district and school accountability report.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to include in the annual school district and school accountability report, commonly referred to as school and school district report cards, the percentage of pupils participating in music, dance, drama, and visual arts. Under the bill, DPI must include this information for each high school and school district and must also include the statewide percentage of pupils participating in each subject. The bill specifies that this information may not be used to evaluate a school’s performance or school district’s improvement.

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

SECTION 1. 115.385 (1) (d) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

115.385 (1) (d) 6. The percentage of pupils participating in each of the following subjects in the state and in the school district or high school:


b. Dance.
c. Drama.
d. Visual arts.

SECTION 2. 115.385 (1g) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

115.385 (1g) (e) The department may not use information provided under sub. (1) (d) 6.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to the school district and school accountability report published in the 2020–21 school year.