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## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 737

January 16, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives LOUDENBECK, RODRIGUEZ, L. MYERS, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, GUNDRUM, JAGLER, KULP, STEFFEN, WICHGERS, BROOKS, MURSAU and SKOWRONSKI, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, KOYENGA and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.51 (3) (a) 1. and 118.51 (3m) (a); and **to create** 118.51 (3)  
2 (a) 1d. of the statutes; **relating to:** applications for full-time open enrollment.

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

Current law limits the number of nonresident school boards to which parents may apply for a pupil to attend a public school in a nonresident school district under the full-time open enrollment program. Currently, full-time open enrollment applications for a pupil may be submitted to no more than three nonresident school boards in any school year. This bill specifies that an application submitted to a nonresident school board for a pupil to attend a virtual charter school does not count for purposes of this limitation.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 118.51 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:  
4 118.51 (3) (a) 1. The parent of a pupil who wishes to attend a public school in  
5 a nonresident school district under this section shall submit an application, on a form  
6 provided by the department under sub. (15) (a), to the school board of the nonresident  
7 school district that the pupil wishes to attend, not earlier than the first Monday in

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1 February and not later than the last weekday in April of the school year immediately  
2 preceding the school year in which the pupil wishes to attend. Applications Except  
3 as provided in subd. 1d., applications may be submitted to no more than 3  
4 nonresident school boards in any school year. The nonresident school board shall  
5 send a copy of the application to the pupil's resident school board and the department  
6 by the end of the first weekday following the last weekday in April. The application  
7 may include a request to attend a specific school or program offered by the  
8 nonresident school district.

9 **SECTION 2.** 118.51 (3) (a) 1d. of the statutes is created to read:

10 118.51 (3) (a) 1d. For purposes of determining whether applications have been  
11 submitted to more than 3 nonresident school boards, the department may not count  
12 an application submitted to a nonresident school board for a pupil to attend a virtual  
13 charter school.

14 **SECTION 3.** 118.51 (3m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 118.51 (3m) (a) Notwithstanding sub. (3), the parent of a pupil who wishes to  
16 attend a public school in a nonresident school district under this section may, in lieu  
17 of applying under sub. (3), submit an application under this subsection, on a form  
18 provided by the department under sub. (15) (a), to the school board of the nonresident  
19 school district that the pupil wants to attend if the pupil satisfies at least one of the  
20 criteria under par. (b). Applications may be submitted to no more than 3 nonresident  
21 school boards in any school year. For purposes of determining whether applications  
22 have been submitted to more than 3 nonresident school boards, the department may  
23 not count an application submitted to a nonresident school board for a pupil to attend  
24 a virtual charter school.

25 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

