2019 SENATE BILL 831

February 20, 2020 –Introduced by Senators JOHNSON and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives CROWLEY, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS, C. TAYLOR and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to create 20.255 (2) (en) and 121.42 of the statutes; relating to: aid for driver education courses, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to reimburse school districts, operators of independent charter schools, and private schools participating in parental choice programs for providing a driver education course to pupils who are least 16 years old and have at least a 2.3 grade point average. For purposes of reimbursing a private school participating in a parental choice program, the bill requires DPI to reimburse the private school only for those pupils who meet the criteria and are attending the private school under the parental choice program.

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. 20.255 (2) (en) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (en) Driver education; aid. A sum sufficient to make reimbursements for driver education courses under s. 121.42.
SECTION 2. 121.42 of the statutes is created to read:

121.42 Driver education; aid. (1) Beginning in the 2020–21 school year, if a school board, the operator of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), or the governing body of a private school participating in a program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 offers a driver education course approved by the state superintendent under s. 115.28 (11), the department shall reimburse the school board, operator of the charter school, or governing body of the private school for the cost to provide the driver education course to pupils who satisfy all of the following criteria:

(a) The pupil is at least 16 years of age.

(b) The pupil has at least a 2.3 grade point average or the equivalent.

(c) If the driver education course is provided by the governing body of a private school, the pupil is attending the private school under s. 118.60 or 119.23.

(2) The amount of the reimbursement under sub. (1) is the actual cost of instruction for each pupil who completes the driver education course.

(3) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

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