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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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### 2021 Wisconsin Act 18 [2021 Senate Bill 109]

### Full-Time Open Enrollment in a Fully Virtual Program

The full-time open enrollment statutes permit a student to attend a public school in a district other than the district in which they reside (“nonresident school district”). Under prior law, the location of a fully virtual program provided by a school that is not a virtual charter school was unclear for the purposes of full-time open enrollment. As such, prior law was unclear as to whether a student could open enroll into a fully virtual program provided by a nonresident school district, because it was unclear whether such a program was “located in” the nonresident district.

2021 Wisconsin Act 18 clarifies that, for the 2021-22 school year, nonresident students may attend a fully virtual program provided by a nonresident school district under full-time open enrollment. Additionally, during the 2021-22 school year, the location of a fully virtual program is the school district governed by the school board offering the program or the school district in which the charter school offering the program is located.

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