



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2021 SENATE BILL 966

February 9, 2022 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, ROTH, STROEBEL, WANGGAARD and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Representatives WITTKE, THIESFELDT, ALLEN, BRANDTJEN, GUNDRUM, KNODL, MACCO, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY and NEYLON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT to create** 115.385 (1g) (g) and 115.385 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2           the components, methods, and formulas the Department of Public Instruction  
3           uses to publish school and school district accountability reports and granting  
4           rule-making authority.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction to annually, by November 30, publish a school and school district accountability report, commonly referred to as school and school district report cards. DPI must establish an index system and, using this index system, place each school and school district in a performance category based upon certain measures, including pupil achievement, growth in pupil achievement, and graduation rates, for the preceding school year.

This bill requires DPI, for school and school district report cards published for the 2021-22 school year, to use the measures, index system, and other components, methods, and formulas that DPI used to publish the school and school district report cards for the 2018-19 school year. Going forward, DPI may change the measures, index system, and other components, methods, and formulas that DPI uses only by promulgating rules.

The bill also specifies that, in determining a school's overall score on a school report card, DPI may not give more weight to measures of growth in pupil achievement in reading and mathematics than to measures of actual pupil achievement in reading and mathematics.

