



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0267 - Driver Education Aid

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Driver education; state aid

This bill creates a new aid program for driver schools and for school boards, independent charter schools, and cooperative educational service agencies that offer a driver education program to pupils who meet the income eligibility standard for a free or reduced-price lunch in the federal school lunch program. To be eligible for this aid, a driver school, school board, independent charter school, or CESA must demonstrate to DPI that it waived at least one-half of its program participation fees for eligible pupils. Under the bill, DPI pays the driver school, school board, operator of the independent charter school, or CESA an amount equal to one-half of its program participation fee multiplied by the number of eligible pupils who completed the driver education program in the previous school year.

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) (cv) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (cv) *Driver education aid.* A sum sufficient for driver education aid for qualified driver education providers under s. 121.42.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 121.41 of the statutes is amended to read:

121.41 Driver education programs; fees. A school board, operator of a charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), cooperative educational service agency, or ~~the~~ technical college system board may establish and collect reasonable fees for any driver education program or part of a program which is neither required for nor credited toward graduation. The school board, operator of a charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), cooperative educational service agency, or ~~the~~ technical college system board may waive any fee established under this subsection for any indigent pupil.

SECTION 3. 121.42 of the statutes is created to read:

121.42 Driver education programs; state aid. (1) In this section:

(a) “Driver education program” means an instructional program in driver education approved by the department and operated by a qualified driver education provider or driver school.

(b) “Driver school” has the meaning given in s. 343.60 (1).

(c) “Eligible pupil” means a pupil who met the income eligibility standard for a free or reduced-price lunch in the federal school lunch program under [42 USC 1758](#)

(b) (1) in the previous school year.

(d) “Qualified driver education provider” means a school board, the operator of a charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), or a cooperative educational service agency.

(2) Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the department shall pay to each qualified driver education provider and driver school the amount determined under sub. (3) if all of the following apply:

(a) The qualified driver education provider or driver school demonstrates to the department that for eligible pupils the qualified driver education provider or driver school waived at least 50 percent of the fees the qualified driver education provider or driver school otherwise charges pupils to enroll in and complete the driver education program.

(b) By October 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the qualified driver education provider or driver school reports to the department all of the following:

1. The number of eligible pupils who enrolled in and successfully completed a driver education program operated by the qualified driver education provider or driver school in the previous school year.

2. The amount the qualified driver education provider or driver school charged a pupil who was not an eligible pupil to enroll in and complete the driver education program in the previous school year.

(3) The department shall calculate the amount paid to a qualified driver education provider or driver school under sub. (2) by multiplying the number of eligible pupils the qualified driver education provider or driver school reported under sub. (2) (b) 1. by 50 percent of the amount the qualified driver education provider or driver school reported under sub. (2) (b) 2.

(4) The department may promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

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