



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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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

Per pupil aid

Under current law, per pupil aid is a categorical aid paid to school districts. Per pupil aid is funded from a sum sufficient appropriation and is not considered for purposes of revenue limits. Under current law, the amount of per pupil aid paid to a school district is calculated using a three-year average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district and a per pupil amount set by law. In the 2020-21 school year, the per pupil amount is \$742. Under the bill, the per pupil amount is increased to \$750 in the 2021-22 school year and each year thereafter.

In addition, beginning in the 2021-22 school year, this bill requires DPI to pay a second amount of per pupil aid to school districts that is based on the number of economically disadvantaged pupils enrolled in a school district. Under the bill, beginning in the 2021-22 school year, in addition to the base amount of per pupil aid, DPI must also pay a school district \$75 for each economically disadvantaged pupil enrolled in the school district in the previous year. However, in calculating this amount for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, DPI must use the number of economically disadvantaged pupils enrolled in a school district in the 2019-20 school year instead of in the previous school year. Under the bill, an economically

disadvantaged pupil is a pupil who satisfies either the income eligibility criteria for a free or reduced-price lunch under federal law or other measures of poverty, as determined by DPI.

Supplemental per pupil aid

This bill eliminates supplemental per pupil aid, which was created under [2019 Wisconsin Act 9](#), the 2019 biennial budget.

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SECTION 1. 20.255 (2) (ap) of the statutes is repealed.

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

SECTION 2. 115.437 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 115.437 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

115.437 (1) (intro.) In this section, ~~“number;~~

(c) “Number of pupils enrolled” has the meaning given in s. 121.90 (1) (intro.) and includes 40 percent of the summer enrollment. “Number of pupils enrolled” does not include pupils described in the exception under s. 121.90 (1) ~~(f)~~ (g).

SECTION 3. 115.437 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

115.437 (1) (a) “Economically disadvantaged pupil” means a pupil that satisfies either the income eligibility criteria for a free or reduced-price lunch under [42 USC 1758](#) (b) (1) or other measures of poverty, as determined by the department.

SECTION 4. 115.437 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

115.437 (1) (d) “Rate of economically disadvantaged pupils” means the number of economically disadvantaged pupils enrolled in a school district divided by the number of pupils enrolled in the school district.

SECTION 5. 115.437 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 115.437 (2) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

115.437 (2) (a) (intro.) ~~Except as provided in par. (b), annually~~ Annually, on the 4th Monday of March, the department shall pay to each school district an amount equal to the sum of all of the following:

1. The average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district in the current and 2 preceding school years multiplied by ~~\$75 in the 2013-14 school year,~~ by \$150 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, by ~~\$250 in the 2016-17 school year,~~ by \$450 in the 2017-18 school year, by ~~\$654 in the 2018-19 school year,~~ by ~~\$679 and \$63~~ \$750 in the 2021-22 school year and in each school year thereafter.

(c) The department shall make the payments under this subsection from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (aq).

SECTION 6. 115.437 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

115.437 (2) (a) 2. In the 2021-22 school year and in each school year thereafter, the number of pupils enrolled in a school district multiplied by the school district's rate of economically disadvantaged pupils in the previous school year multiplied by \$75.

SECTION 7. 115.437 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 8. 115.439 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 9134. Nonstatutory provisions; Public Instruction.

(1) PER PUPIL AID; ADDITIONAL AID FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED PUPILS. Notwithstanding s. 115.437 (2) (a) 2., in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, for purposes of the calculation under s. 115.437 (2) (a) 2., the department of public instruction shall multiply the number of pupils enrolled in a school district by the school district's rate of economically disadvantaged pupils, as defined in s. 115.437

(1) (d), in the 2019-20 school year instead of by the school district's rate of economically disadvantaged pupils, as defined in s. 115.437 (1) (d), in the previous school year.

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