



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

High cost transportation aid

Under current law, a school district that qualified for high cost transportation aid in the previous school year but did not qualify in the current school year is eligible to receive aid equal to 50 percent of the high cost transportation aid the school district received in the previous school year, commonly called a “stop-gap” payment. However, current law provides that, if the total amount of stop-gap payments to all school districts in a school year exceeds \$200,000, the state superintendent of public instruction must prorate the payments. This bill eliminates that cap and instead provides that, if the total amount of high cost transportation aid, including stop-gap payments, for a school year exceeds the amount appropriated for high cost transportation aid for the school year, all high cost transportation aid must be prorated.

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. 121.59 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.59 (2) (intro.) Annually the department shall, subject to sub. (3), pay to each eligible school district the amount determined as follows:

SECTION 2. 121.59 (2m) (a) (intro.), 1. and 2. of the statutes are renumbered 121.59 (2m) (intro.), (am) and (bm), and 121.59 (2m) (intro.) and (bm), as renumbered, are amended to read:

121.59 (2m) (intro.) ~~Beginning in the 2017-18 school year and in any school year thereafter, if a~~ If an eligible school district was eligible to receive aid under sub. (2) in the immediately preceding school year but is ineligible to receive aid in the current school year because the number under sub. (2) (d) is not a positive number, the state superintendent shall, subject to ~~par. (b)~~ sub. (3), pay to that eligible school district the amount determined as follows:

(bm) Multiply the amount under ~~subd. 1.~~ par. (am) by 0.5.

SECTION 3. 121.59 (2m) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 121.59 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.59 (3) Aid under this section ~~shall be~~ is paid from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cq). If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cq) is insufficient to pay the full amount of aid under subs. (2) and (2m), the state superintendent shall prorate the payments among the eligible school districts entitled to receive aid under this section.

SECTION 9334. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.

(1) HIGH-COST TRANSPORTATION AID. The treatment of s. 121.59 (2) (intro.), (2m) (a) (intro.), 1., and 2. and (b), and (3) first applies to aid paid in the 2021-22 school year.

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