



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0475 - Sparsity 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

Sparsity aid

This bill extends sparsity aid to school districts with a membership of more than 745 pupils.

Under current law, a school district is eligible for sparsity aid in the amount of \$400 per pupil if the school district's membership in the previous school year did not exceed 745 pupils and the number of pupils per square mile in the school district is less than ten. Current law also provides that a school district that was eligible to receive sparsity aid in the previous school year but is not eligible to receive sparsity aid in the current school year because the school district's membership exceeds 745 pupils in the current school year is eligible to receive up to 50 percent of the amount of sparsity aid the school district received in the previous school year.

Under the bill, beginning in the 2021-22 school year, a school district with the same density of pupils per square mile, i.e., less than ten, and a membership that exceeds 745 pupils is eligible for sparsity aid in the amount of \$100 per pupil. The bill also provides that, beginning in the 2021-22 school year, a school district that is ineligible for sparsity aid because it no longer satisfies the pupils-per-square-mile requirement may receive 50 percent of the amount of sparsity aid the school district received in the previous school year.

For further information see the 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. 115.436 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (2) (intro.) A school district is eligible for sparsity aid under this section if it the school district's membership in the previous school year divided by the school district's area in square miles is less than 10 and the school district satisfies all one of the following criteria:

SECTION 2. 115.436 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

115.436 (2) (b) The school district's membership in the previous school year was greater than 745.

SECTION 3. 115.436 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 115.436 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 115.436 (3) (a) 1. and amended to read:

115.436 (3) (a) 1. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, from the ~~appropriation appropriations~~ under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and (r) and subject to par. (b), the department shall pay to each school district eligible for sparsity aid under sub. (2) (a) \$400 multiplied by the school district's membership in the previous school year.

***NOTE: This is reconciled s. 115.436 (3) (a). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1301/P5 and -1406/P1.

SECTION 5. 115.436 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

115.436 (3) (a) 2. Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, from the appropriations under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and (r) and subject to par. (b), the department shall pay to each school district eligible for sparsity aid under sub. (2) (b) \$100 multiplied by the school district's membership in the previous school year.

***NOTE: This is reconciled s. 115.436 (3) (a) 2. This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1406/P1 and -1301/P5.

SECTION 6. 115.436 (3) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (3) (am) ~~Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, from~~ From the ~~appropriation~~ appropriations under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and (r), the department shall, subject to par. (b), pay to each school district that received aid under this section in the previous school year but does not satisfy the number-of-pupils-per-square-mile requirement under sub. (2) (a) in the current school year 50 percent of the amount received by the school district under par. (a) 1. or 2. in the previous school year.

***NOTE: This is reconciled s. 115.436 (3) (am). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1301/P5 and -1406/P1.

SECTION 7. 115.436 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (3) (b) If the ~~appropriation~~ total amount appropriated under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and (r) in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount under pars. (a), (am), and (ap), the department shall prorate the payments among the school districts entitled to aid under this subsection.

***NOTE: This is reconciled s. 115.436 (3) (b). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1301/P5

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