



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1862/P4  
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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0579 - Close Voucher Prior Year Attendance  
Loophole

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

***Statewide and Racine parental choice programs; previous school year attendance requirement***

Under current law, a pupil must satisfy at least one of the following to be eligible to participate in the statewide parental choice program or the Racine Parental Choice Program: 1) the pupil was enrolled in a public school in the previous school year; 2) the pupil was not enrolled in school in the previous school year; 3) the pupil attended a private school in the statewide, Racine, or Milwaukee Parental Choice Program in the previous school year; 4) the pupil was on a waiting list to attend a private school in the statewide, Racine, or Milwaukee Parental Choice Program in the previous school year; 5) the pupil attended school in another state in the previous school year; or 6) the pupil is enrolling in kindergarten, first grade, or ninth grade in the current school year.

For purposes of this requirement, the bill specifies that a pupil is “enrolled in a public school in the previous school year” if 1) the pupil was counted in a school district’s membership count, which means the pupil was counted as being enrolled in a school district on at least one of the count dates during the previous year, or

attended an independent charter school in the previous school year; and 2) the pupil did not attend a private school during the previous school year.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 118.60 (2) (a) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 2. a. The pupil was enrolled in a public school in the previous school year. For purposes of this subd. 2. a., a pupil was enrolled in a public school in the previous school year if the pupil was counted in a school district's membership, as defined in s. 121.001 (5), or attended a charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), and the pupil did not attend a private school during the previous school year.

**SECTION 9334. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.**

(1) STATEWIDE AND RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; PUPIL ELIGIBILITY. The treatment of s. 118.60 (2) (a) 2. a. first applies to an application to attend a private school under s. 118.60 in the 2022-23 school year.

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