



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 885

February 13, 1996 - Introduced by Representative PLOMBON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 121.15 (3m) (a) 2.; and **to create** 20.255 (2) (ae) and 121.082  
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** distribution of additional school aid to certain  
3 school districts and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill makes additional state school aid available to school districts in which both of the following occur: 1) in the previous school year, the net cost of the school district's general fund divided by the school district's student membership is less than the statewide average; and 2) in the previous school year, the equalized value of the school district (that is, the full value of the taxable property in the territory of the school district) divided by the school district's student membership was less than the statewide average. Under the bill, the state is required to pay an eligible school district the amount necessary to ensure that the net cost of the school district's general fund divided by the school district's student membership is equal to the statewide average.

In addition, under current law, the legislative fiscal bureau (LFB) and the department of administration (DOA) are annually required to certify to the joint committee on finance the amount necessary to fund the school aid formula so as to have the sum of state school aids and the school level credit equal 66.7% of partial school revenues. The bill provides that the amount the state is required to pay an eligible school district to ensure that the net cost of the school district's general fund divided by the school district's student membership is equal to the statewide average may not be included in this calculation by the LFB and DOA of state school aid.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

3		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>
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4           **20.255 Education, department of**

5           (2)   AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

6	(ae)   Equity aid	GPR	A	-0-	-0-
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7           **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (ae) of the statutes is created to read:

8           20.255 (2) (ae) *Equity aid.* The amounts in the schedule for the payment of  
9 equity aid to eligible school districts under s. 121.082.

10          **SECTION 3.** 121.082 of the statutes is created to read:

11          **121.082 Equity aid. (1)** A school district is eligible for equity aid under this  
12 section if all of the following apply:

13           (a) In the previous school year, the net cost of the general fund divided by its  
14 membership was less than the statewide average.

15           (b) In the previous school year, the equalized value of the school district divided  
16 by its membership was less than the statewide average.

17           **(2)** From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae), beginning in the 1996-97  
18 school year, the state shall pay to each school district eligible for aid under this  
19 section the amount necessary to ensure that the net cost of the school district's  
20 general fund divided by its membership is equal to the statewide average.

21          **SECTION 4.** 121.15 (3m) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act  
22 27, is amended to read:

1           121.15 **(3m)** (a) 2. "State school aids" means those aids appropriated under s.  
2     20.255 (2), other than s. 20.255 (2) (ae), (fu), (k) and (m), and under s. 20.505 (4) (er).  
3   **(END)**