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1995 SENATE BILL 424

November 14, 1995 - Introduced by Senator Wineke. Referred to Committee on Education and Financial Institutions.

AN ACT to repeal 119.23 (7) (c); and to amend 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) of the 1 statutes; **relating to:** restricting the Milwaukee parental choice program to 3 nonsectarian private schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows up to 7% (up to 15% beginning in the 1996–97 school year) of the enrollment of the Milwaukee public schools (MPS) to attend, at no charge, any private school located in the city of Milwaukee under certain circumstances. The state pays the parent or guardian of the pupil (who must endorse the check to the private school) an amount equal to the amount of per pupil aid that MPS receives from the state, or an amount equal to the private school's cost per pupil that is related to educational programming, whichever is less.

This bill specifies that only nonsectarian private schools may participate in the program.

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

SECTION 1. 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, is amended to read:

119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to par. (b), beginning in the 1990-91 school year, any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides within the city may attend, at no charge, any nonsectarian private school located in the city if all of the following apply:

1	Section 2. 119.23 (7) (c) of the statutes, as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27,
2	is repealed.
3	SECTION 3. Initial applicability.
4	(1) This act first applies to the participation of pupils in the Milwaukee
5	parental choice program in the 1996-97 school year.
6	(END)