

State of Misconsin 1997 - 1998 LEGISLATURE

1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 850

March 2, 1998 – Introduced by Representatives Cullen, Kunicki, Carpenter, Bock, J. Lehman, Notestein, Turner and L. Young. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to repeal 119.23 (5) (a), 119.23 (5) (b) and 121.05 (1) (a) 4.; and to consolidate, renumber and amend 119.23 (5) (intro.) and (c) of the statutes; relating to: the Milwaukee parental choice program and state aid to the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows up to 15% of the enrollment of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to attend, at no charge, any nonsectarian private school located in the city of Milwaukee under certain circumstances. The state pays the parent or guardian of the pupil 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 educational cost per pupil, whichever is less. The parent or guardian must endorse the check for the use of the private school. The state reduces the MPS school aid entitlement, for each pupil participating in the program, by the amount of per pupil aid that MPS would otherwise receive.

This bill provides that, beginning with aid paid in the 1998–99 school year, pupils participating in the choice program are not counted in the enrollment of MPS for state aid purposes, and the MPS school aid entitlement is not reduced as a result of such participation.

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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:

- 1 SECTION 1. 119.23 (5) (intro.) and (c) of the statutes are consolidated,
- 2 renumbered 119.23 (5) and amended to read:
- 3 119.23 (5) The state superintendent shall: (c) Ensure ensure that pupils and
- 4 parents and guardians of pupils who reside in the city are informed annually of the
- 5 private schools participating in the program under this section.
- 6 SECTION 2. 119.23 (5) (a) of the statutes is repealed.
- 7 SECTION 3. 119.23 (5) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
- 8 SECTION 4. 121.05 (1) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

9 SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

- 10 (1) This act first applies to state aid paid in the 1998–99 school year.
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