

State of Misconsin 1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 233

March 23, 1999 – Introduced by Representative WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1 AN ACT to create 119.23 (2) (a) 6. and 119.23 (7) (d) of the statutes; relating to:

the Milwaukee parental choice program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes the following changes to the statutes governing the Milwaukee parental choice program (MPCP), which allows certain pupils to attend participating private schools in Milwaukee at state expense:

1. This bill requires that, in order to participate in the MPCP, a private school must have a formal governance structure, including a board of directors, and bylaws that specify the selection process and the terms of board members.

2. Currently, a school board must administer the fourth, eighth and tenth grade pupil assessments and the third grade reading test to all pupils enrolled in the appropriate grades in the school district, including pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the school district. This bill requires each private school participating in the MPCP to administer these examinations to pupils who are enrolled in the appropriate grades in the private school and are participating in the MPCP.

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:

SECTION 1. 119.23 (2) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

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1	119.23 (2) (a) 6. The private school has a formal governance structure,
2	including a board of directors, and bylaws that specify the selection process for and
3	the terms of board members.
4	SECTION 2. 119.23 (7) (d) of the statutes is created to read:
5	119.23 (7) (d) Each private school participating in the program under this
6	section shall do all of the following:
7	1. Administer a standardized reading test developed by the department to all
8	3rd grade pupils enrolled in the private school under this section.
9	2. Administer the 4th and 8th grade examinations adopted or approved by the
10	state superintendent under s. 118.30 (1) (a) or the 4th and 8th grade examinations
11	developed or adopted by the board under s. 118.30 $(1g)$ (c) to all 4th and 8th grade
12	pupils enrolled in the private school under this section.
13	3. Administer the 10th grade examination adopted or approved by the state
14	superintendent under s. 118.30 (1) (a) to all 10th grade pupils enrolled in the private
15	school under this section. This subdivision does not apply after the 2000–01 school
16	year.
17	SECTION 3. Initial applicability.
18	(1) This act first applies to private schools and pupils participating in the
19	Milwaukee parental choice program in the 2000–01 school year.
20	(END)

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