



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 126

March 5, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives JENSEN, ZIEGELBAUER, VUKMIR, NISCHKE, LADWIG, ALBERS, M. LEHMAN, KREIBICH, HINES, HAHN, TOWNS and McCORMICK, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, WELCH and STEPP. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1 **AN ACT to create** 119.23 (9) of the statutes; **relating to:** directing the Legislative
2 Audit Bureau to administer a study of the Milwaukee Parental Choice
3 Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to administer a 12-year longitudinal study of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, which allows certain pupils who reside in the city of Milwaukee to attend a participating private school at no charge. The LAB must seek private sources of funding for the study. The bill directs the LAB to report the results of the study to the legislature periodically; the first report is due by October 1, 2005.

For further information see the **state** 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 119.23 (9) of the statutes is created to read:
5 119.23 (9) The legislative audit bureau shall administer a 12-year longitudinal
6 study of the program under this section. The bureau shall seek private sources of

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1 funding for the study. The study shall use standardized examinations, and shall
2 review graduation rates and other indicators of academic achievement. The results
3 of the study shall be submitted to the legislature periodically over the 12-year period
4 in the manner provided under s. 13. 172 (2), with the first report due by October 1,
5 2005.

6 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

7 (1) LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU POSITION. The authorized FTE positions for the
8 legislative audit bureau, funded from the appropriation under section 20.765 (3) (g)
9 of the statutes, are increased by 1.0 PR position to monitor the study under section
10 119.23 (9) of the statutes, as created by this act.

11 (END)