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2011 SENATE BILL 257

October 25, 2011 - Introduced by Senators T. Cullen, S. Coggs and Taylor, cosponsored by Representative Jorgensen. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

AN ACT to amend 20.255 (2) (ac) of the statutes; relating to: providing additional state aid and revenue limit authority for certain school districts and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides additional school aid in, and revenue limit authority for, the 2012–13 school year for certain school districts. The eligible school districts are those in which employees were covered by a collective bargaining agreement on January 1, 2011, that is in effect through the 2012–13 school year.

Under the bill, each eligible school district's revenue limit for the 2012–13 school year is increased by an amount equal to 50 percent of the decrease in the district's revenue limit in the 2011–12 school year. In addition, each eligible school district's state aid in the 2012–13 school year is increased by an amount equal to the amount of this revenue limit increase. The aid is paid as a first draw from the general school aid appropriation, thus reducing the amount of general school aid distributed to other school districts.

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:

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20.255 (2) (ac) *General equalization aids*. The amounts in the schedule for the payment of educational aids under ss. 121.08, 121.09, 121.095, 121.105, 121.137 and, subch. VI of ch. 121, and 2011 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 2 (3).

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) In this section, "eligible school district" means a school district in which employees were covered by a collective bargaining agreement on January 1, 2011, that is still in effect during the 2012–13 school year.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 121.91 (2m) (h) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, each eligible school district's revenue limit for the 2012–13 school year, as determined under section 121.91 (2m) (h) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is increased by 50 percent of the reduction in its revenue limit for the 2011–12 school year occurring under section 121.91 (2m) (g) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32.
- (3) In the 2012–13 school year, the department of public instruction shall pay to each eligible school district an amount equal to the amount of the revenue limit increase calculated for the school district for the 2012–13 school year under subsection (2). Notwithstanding section 121.07 (7) (b) of the statutes, the department shall pay aid under this subsection as a first draw from the appropriation under section 20.255 (2) (ac) of the statues.