



2013 SENATE BILL 101

March 22, 2013 - Introduced by Senators LEHMAN, LASSA, SCHULTZ, HARRIS, VINEHOUT, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, C. LARSON, L. TAYLOR and T. CULLEN, cosponsored by Representatives POPE, CLARK, PASCH, BARNES, GENRICH, MASON, MILROY, HESSELBEIN, KAHL, OHNSTAD, HEBL, BERCEAU, BEWLEY, BERNARD SCHABER, ZEPNICK, VRUWINK, C. TAYLOR and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 121.91 (7); and *to create* 121.91 (4) (Lm) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** a school district revenue limit adjustment for school safety.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally limits the total amount of revenue per pupil that a school district may receive from general school aids and property taxes in a school year to the amount of revenue allowed per pupil in the previous school year. However, several exceptions to the revenue limit exist under current law. For example, if a school district increases the services that it provides by adding responsibility for providing a service transferred to it from another governmental unit, its revenue limit is increased by the cost of that service.

This bill increases the revenue limit for a school district that develops a school safety plan with a local law enforcement agency. Under the bill, the amount of the increase is \$100 multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled in the school district or \$40,000, whichever is greater. The school district may use the additional revenue to purchase school safety equipment, to pay security officers, and for the cost of school safety measures that are identified in the school district's school safety plan.

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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1 **SECTION 1.** 121.91 (4) (Lm) of the statutes is created to read:

2 121.91 (4) (Lm) 1. In this paragraph, “local law enforcement agency” means a
3 governmental unit of one or more persons employed full time by a city, town, village,
4 or county in this state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and
5 enforcing state laws or local ordinances and the unit’s employees are authorized to
6 make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority.

7 2. The limit otherwise applicable to a school district under sub. (2m) in any
8 school year is increased by an amount equal to \$100 times the number of pupils
9 enrolled in the school district or \$40,000, whichever is greater, if the school board
10 adopts a resolution to do so, the school board and a local law enforcement agency
11 jointly develop a school safety plan that specifies the purposes of the additional
12 revenue, the school safety plan is consistent with the school safety plan required
13 under s. 118.07 (4), and the school board submits the school safety plan to the
14 department.

15 3. A school district may use the excess revenue under this paragraph to
16 purchase school safety equipment, fund the compensation costs of security officers,
17 and for school safety expenditures consistent with the school safety plan required
18 under s. 118.07 (4). Any additional revenue received by a school district under this
19 paragraph is not included in the base for determining the school district’s limit under
20 sub. (2m) for the following school year.

21 **SECTION 2.** 121.91 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 121.91 (7) Except as provided in sub. (4) (f) 2., (Lm), (o), and (q) and (8), if an
23 excess revenue is approved under sub. (3) for a recurring purpose or allowed under
24 sub. (4), the excess revenue shall be included in the base for determining the limit
25 for the next school year for purposes of this section. If an excess revenue is approved

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1 under sub. (3) for a nonrecurring purpose, the excess revenue shall not be included
2 in the base for determining the limit for the next school year for purposes of this
3 section.

4 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

5 (1) This act first applies to the calculation of a school district's revenue limit
6 for the school year beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

7 (END)