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2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 354

July 8, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives GUSTAFSON, GOEBEN, O'CONNOR, ARMSTRONG, MAXEY, BEHNKE, BRILL, PENTERMAN, BROOKS, MURPHY, MURSAU, MELOTIK, GREEN, KAUFERT, SNODGRASS and ANDERSON, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE, QUINN, SPREITZER, KEYESKI and DASSLER-ALFHEIM. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 121.15 (1) (a) 1. and 121.15 (1) (a) 2. to 5.; *to renumber*
2 121.15 (1) (a) 6.; *to renumber and amend* 121.15 (1) (a); *to create* 121.15 (1)
3 (a) 2. to 6. of the statutes; **relating to:** the timing of equalization aid payments
4 to school districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Public Instruction pays equalization aid to school districts for each school year in the following four installments: 15 percent in September, 25 percent in December, 25 percent in March, and 35 percent in June. This bill increases the percentage of equalization aid distributed in September by 2 points each school year, and decreases the percentage of equalization aid distributed in June by 2 points each school year, until the 2029-30 school year, at which time the amount of equalization aid distributed in both September and June will be 25 percent. The result is that equalization aid will be paid to school districts in four equal installments beginning in the 2029-30 school year.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

ASSEMBLY BILL 354**SECTION 1**

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 121.15 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 121.15 (1) (a) 1. and amended to read:

121.15 (1) (a) 1. ~~Each~~ In the 2024-25 school year, each school district shall receive 15 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 35 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

SECTION 2. 121.15 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 3. 121.15 (1) (a) 2. to 6. of the statutes are created to read:

121.15 (1) (a) 2. In the 2025-26 school year, each school district shall receive 17 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 33 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

3. In the 2026-27 school year, each school district shall receive 19 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 31 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

4. In the 2027-28 school year, each school district shall receive 21 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 29 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

5. In the 2028-29 school year, each school district shall receive 23 percent of its

ASSEMBLY BILL 354**SECTION 3**

1 total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in
2 December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 27 percent of its
3 total aid entitlement in June.

4 6. In the 2029-30 school year and each school year thereafter, each school
5 district shall receive 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent
6 of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in
7 March, and 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

8 **SECTION 4.** 121.15 (1) (a) 2. to 5. of the statutes, as created by 2025 Wisconsin
9 Act (this act), are repealed.

10 **SECTION 5.** 121.15 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes, as created by 2025 Wisconsin Act
11 (this act), is renumbered 121.15 (1) (a).

12 **SECTION 6. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after
13 publication, except as follows:

14 (1) The renumbering of s. 121.15 (1) (a) 6. and the repeal of s. 121.15 (1) (a) 1.
15 to 5. take effect on July 1, 2030.

16 (END)