

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 118.43 (2) (bu) of the statutes; **relating to:** one-year extension of
 2 student achievement guarantee in education program contracts.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Study Committee on Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) Program.

SAGE is a categorical state aid program that provides funding to schools for low-income students in primary grades (K–3) if certain statutory requirements are met. Before a school may participate in SAGE, the school board of the district must enter into a contract with the department of public instruction (DPI) on behalf of individual schools in the district that qualify for participation. SAGE contracts are for 5 years and may be renewed for additional 5-year terms.

This draft allows DPI to provide a one-year extension on existing SAGE contracts set to expire at the end of the current 2014–15 school year. The draft also prohibits DPI from renewing contracts expiring at the end of this 2014–15 school year.

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.43 (2) (bu) of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.43 (2) (bu) The department and the school district may agree to extend an
 5 achievement guarantee contract entered into or renewed in the 2010–11 school year for one
 6 year under existing contract terms. Beginning in the 2015–16 school year, the department may
 7 not renew an achievement guarantee contract under this subsection.

NOTE: Provides that existing SAGE contracts set to expire at the end of the current 2014–15 school year may be extended by one year under the existing contract terms. The SECTION also prohibits DPI from renewing any SAGE contract beginning in 2015–16 or after.

The one-year extension of SAGE contracts will allow any changes to the SAGE program recommended by the committee to be implemented in the 2016–17 school year. Without an extension, the 354 SAGE contracts set to expire at the end of the current 2014–15 school year will likely be

renewed before any legislation changing the SAGE program can be enacted. Therefore, unless the existing SAGE contracts are extended, any changes to the program will not take effect until another 5 years has passed and these contracts are renewed again in 2020–21.

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