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2015 SENATE BILL 31

February 13, 2015 – Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to
Committee on Education.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council
in the bill.

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:***

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint
Legislative Council's Study Committee on the 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 bill 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 bill also prohibits DPI

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from renewing 5-year SAGE contracts expiring at the end of the 2014–15 school year or any school year thereafter.

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

2 118.43 (2) (f) The department and a school board may agree to extend an
3 achievement guarantee contract entered into or renewed in the 2010–11 school year
4 for one year under existing contract terms.

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 one-year extension of SAGE contracts allows legislative changes to the SAGE program enacted during the 2015–16 school year 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 legislation changing the SAGE program is enacted. If the existing SAGE contracts are not extended, legislative changes to the SAGE program enacted during the 2015–16 school year will not apply to SAGE contracts renewed at the end of 2014–15 school year until the contracts are renewed again in 2020–21.

5 **SECTION 2.** 118.43 (2) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 118.43 (2) (g) 1.

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

7 118.43 (2) (g) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., the department may not renew an
8 achievement guarantee contract under pars. (b), (bg), (br), (bt), or (bv) for the
9 2015–16 school year or any school year thereafter.

NOTE: Prohibits DPI from renewing any SAGE contract for the 2015–16 school year or any school year thereafter.

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