



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (bz) and 115.384 of the statutes; **relating to:** aid to
2 school districts that share services for costs associated with student
3 information systems.

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 Shared School District Services.

Current law does not specifically provide state aid to school districts for purchasing and implementing student information systems. Under s. 66.0301, Stats., school districts may enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements with other school districts or local units of government. These agreements may be used to contract for the receipt or furnishing of services or the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law.

The bill creates a categorical aid program for school districts that apply for reimbursement for costs associated with purchasing and implementing a new student information system. A school district requesting aid must apply to the Department of

Public Instruction (DPI). In order to be eligible for this aid, a school district must enter into a shared services agreement with one or more other school districts. Additionally, the school district must purchase new student information software to accommodate shared services. Aid provided to a school district under this program may be used to pay for purchasing a new student information system, data migration to a new student information system, or training staff on the use of a new student information system. School districts may only apply for this aid one time.

The bill provides an annual sum certain appropriation, to be determined, in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years. Aid would be prorated by DPI if total eligibility exceeds the appropriated amount. Aid provided by DPI to an individual school district may not exceed \$75,000. The bill takes effect on the day after publication, or the 2nd day after publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later. The aid program will end on June 30, 2026.

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2023-24		2024-25
3 20.255 Public instruction, department of			
4 (2) AID FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING			
5 (bz) Aid for student information sys-			
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****NOTE: Please let me know the amount of the sum certain appropriation for each fiscal year.

7 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (bz) of the statutes is created to read:

8 20.255 (2) (bz) *Aid for student information systems.* The amounts in the
9 schedule for aid to school districts under s. 115.384 for student information systems.

10 This paragraph does not apply after June 30, 2026.

11 **SECTION 3.** 115.384 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **115.384 Aid for student information systems. (1)** From the appropriation
13 under s. 20.255 (2) (bz), the department shall award one-time aid to school districts
14 that apply for reimbursement for costs associated with purchasing and
15 implementing a new student information system if all of the following conditions are
16 met:

1 (a) The school district enters into an agreement to share services with one or
2 more other school districts under s. 66.0301.

3 (b) The school district purchases new student information system software in
4 order to accommodate shared services.

5 (2) Aid provided to a school district under this section may be used to pay for
6 any of the following costs:

7 (a) Purchasing a new student information system.

8 (b) Data migration.

9 (c) Training staff on the use of the new student information system.

10 (3) A school district may only apply for aid under this section once. Aid
11 provided to a school district under this section may not exceed \$75,000.

12 (4) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bz) in any fiscal year is insufficient
13 to pay the full amount awarded under sub. (1), the department shall prorate the
14 amount of its payments among school districts that are eligible for a grant under this
15 section.

16 (5) No aid may be provided to a school district under this section after June 30,
17 2026.

18 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

19 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
20 publication of the 2023 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

****NOTE: This effective date is required for any bill that contains an appropriation
that is introduced before the budget passes. If this bill is not introduced before the budget
passes, we can remove this effective date provision when the draft goes to a /1.