



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 29

February 5, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives ZIEGELBAUER, UNDERHEIM, GIELOW, GUNDERSON, HINES, MUSSER, STONE and MCCORMICK, cosponsored by Senators WELCH, A. LASEE, REYNOLDS, ROESSLER and STEPP. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.40 (2r) (bm) and 118.40 (2r) (c) 1.; and *to create* 118.40
2 (2r) (b) 1. e. of the statutes; **relating to:** the establishment of charter schools
3 by county boards.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, school boards may enter into contracts with individuals, groups, businesses, or governmental bodies to establish charter schools, which operate with fewer constraints than traditional public schools. Current law also permits the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the city of Milwaukee to operate charter schools (independent charter schools) directly or to contract for the operation of charter schools. Only pupils who reside in the school district in which an independent charter school is located may attend the charter school. The operators of the independent charter schools receive state aid for each pupil attending the charter school.

This bill allows a county board to operate a charter school directly or to contract for its operation. The bill requires that the charter school be located in the county. Only pupils who reside in the county in which the charter school is located may attend the charter school. Operators of these charter schools receive the same amount of state aid per pupil as do the operators of other independent charter schools.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. e. of the statutes is created to read:

2 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. e. A county board.

3 **SECTION 2.** 118.40 (2r) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.40 (2r) (bm) The common council of the city of Milwaukee, the chancellor
5 of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee area technical college
6 Area Technical College district board may only establish or enter into a contract for
7 the establishment of a charter school located in the school district operating under
8 ch. 119. The chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside may only establish
9 or enter into a contract for the establishment of a charter school located in a unified
10 school district that is located in the county in which the University of
11 Wisconsin-Parkside is situated or in an adjacent county. A county board may only
12 establish or enter into a contract for the establishment of a charter school located in
13 the county.

14 **SECTION 3.** 118.40 (2r) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 118.40 (2r) (c) 1. Only For charter schools established by an entity under par.
16 (b) 1. a. to d., only pupils who reside in the school district in which ~~a-~~ the charter
17 school established ~~under this subsection~~ is located may attend the charter school.
18 For charter schools established by a county board, only pupils who reside in the
19 county in which the charter school is located may attend the charter school.

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