



2005 SENATE BILL 6

January 12, 2005 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, PLALE, KANAVAS, STEPP, REYNOLDS and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives VUKMIR, FIELDS, ZIEGELBAUER, HUEBSCH, MONTGOMERY, MCCORMICK, NISCHKE, STONE, JESKEWITZ, NASS, HONADEL, GOTTLIEB, TOWNS, VRAKAS, KAUFERT, HUNDERTMARK, GUNDRUM, OTT, WOOD and GUNDERSON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 119.23 (2) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of pupils
2 eligible to participate in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the number of pupils who may attend a private school under the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program is capped at 15 percent of the enrollment of the Milwaukee Public Schools (approximately 15,000 pupils). If in any school year there are more spaces available in the private schools participating in the program than the maximum number of pupils allowed to attend the private schools under the program, the law directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to prorate the number of spaces available at each participating private school.

This bill eliminates the 15 percent cap for the 2005-06 school year. The bill provides that the number of pupils who attend private schools under the program in the 2006-07 school year or in any school year thereafter may not exceed the number who did so in the 2005-06 school year.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 119.23 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 119.23 (2) (b) No In the 2004-05 school year, no more than 15% of the school
2 district's membership may attend private schools under this section. In the 2006-07
3 school year and in each school year thereafter, the number of pupils who attend
4 private schools under this section may not exceed the number who did so in the
5 2005-06 school year. If in any school year there are more spaces available in the
6 participating private schools than the maximum number of pupils allowed to
7 participate, the department shall prorate the number of spaces available at each
8 participating private school.

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