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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 743**

February 25, 2020 - Offered by Senator DARLING.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 115.28 (13m) of the statutes; **relating to:** making school
2 district and school financial information available to the public.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (13m) of the statutes is created to read:

4 115.28 (13m) FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL
5 INFORMATION; INTERNET. (a) Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, make detailed
6 information related to the receipt and expenditure data collected through the
7 uniform accounting system under sub. (13) and financial information collected under
8 s. 120.18 available on a single web page of the department's Internet site in a format
9 that allows the public to download, sort, search, and access the information at no
10 cost.

11 (b) Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, to the extent feasible without
12 requiring additional information solely for this purpose from charter schools

1 established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), include on the web page required under par.
2 (a) detailed information related to receipt and expenditure data collected from
3 charter schools established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

4 (c) Ensure that information required to be available on the department's
5 Internet site under par. (a) is updated at least annually.

6 (d) Annually, conduct a public information campaign on the availability of
7 financial information on the department's Internet site.

8 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

9 (1) COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL FINANCIAL INFORMATION
10 TRANSPARENCY.

11 (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

12 1. "Advisory committee" means the school district and school financial
13 information transparency advisory committee created under par. (b).

14 2. "Department" means the department of public instruction.

15 3. "Financial information portal" means the single web page required under s.
16 115.28 (13m).

17 (b) *Creation.* There is created a school district and school financial information
18 transparency advisory committee to advise the department on the creation and
19 design of the financial information portal. The members under par. (c) shall be
20 appointed or designated by no later than the 60th day after the effective date of this
21 paragraph.

22 (c) *Members.* The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

23 1. The state superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee.

24 2. The speaker of the assembly or his or her designee.

25 3. The minority leader of the assembly or his or her designee.

- 1 4. The majority leader of the senate or his or her designee.
- 2 5. The minority leader of the senate or his or her designee.
- 3 6. One representative of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, appointed
- 4 by the state superintendent of public instruction.
- 5 7. All of the following appointed by the speaker of the assembly:
- 6 a. One individual who represents a rural school board.
- 7 b. One individual who represents an entity that may authorize a charter school
- 8 under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).
- 9 8. All of the following appointed by the majority leader of the senate:
- 10 a. One individual who represents an urban school board.
- 11 b. One individual who represents a charter school authorized under s. 118.40
- 12 (2m).
- 13 9. One individual who represents a cooperative educational service agency,
- 14 appointed by the governor.
- 15 (d) *Duties; advisory committee.* By no later than April 15, 2021, the advisory
- 16 committee shall submit to the department an advisory report on the contents and
- 17 design of the financial information portal. In the advisory report, the committee
- 18 shall include recommendations to the department on all of the following:
- 19 1. The categories of information that will be accessible to the public through
- 20 the financial information portal. In developing the recommendations under this
- 21 subdivision, the committee shall consider at least all of the following categories:
- 22 a. Instructional programming.
- 23 b. Instructional personnel.
- 24 c. Instructional operations.
- 25 d. Facility maintenance and operations.

- 1 e. Pupil transportation.
- 2 f. School administration.
- 3 g. System administration.
- 4 h. Staff development or professional development.
- 5 i. Pension and health care costs.
- 6 j. Pupil participation in open enrollment under s. 118.51.
- 7 k. Pupil participation in part-time open enrollment under s. 118.52.
- 8 l. Pupil participation in the early college credit program under s. 118.55.
- 9 2. For each category recommended under subd. 1., the financial data that will
- 10 be accessible to the public through the financial information portal. In developing
- 11 recommendations under this subdivision, the advisory committee shall consider at
- 12 least all of the following for each category:
 - 13 a. The total amount of local, state, and federal funds received.
 - 14 b. For state funds received, the appropriation or program from which the funds
 - 15 were disbursed.
 - 16 c. The costs and expenditures related to pupil enrollment.
 - 17 d. The per pupil and per school costs.
- 18 3. On whether the department's hardware, software, data collection methods,
- 19 training, maintenance, communications, data security, and installation
- 20 specifications for reporting information are appropriate for the financial information
- 21 portal, as recommended by the advisory committee.
- 22 4. The resources necessary to implement and maintain the financial
- 23 information portal, as recommended by the advisory committee, and to what extent
- 24 the department can implement and maintain the financial information portal with
- 25 its existing resources.

1 (e) *Duties; department.* By no later than 45 days after receiving the advisory
2 report under par. (d), the department shall do all of the following:

3 1. Respond in writing to the advisory committee as to whether the department
4 will implement each recommendation in the advisory report. If the department
5 responds that it will not implement a recommendation in the advisory report, the
6 department shall include its reasons for not implementing the recommendation.

7 2. Deliver a copy of the response under subd. 1. and a copy of the advisory report
8 the department received under par. (d) to the joint committee on finance.

9 (f) *Review by the joint committee on finance.* If the cochairpersons of the joint
10 committee on finance do not notify the department that the committee has scheduled
11 a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the department's response to the advisory
12 report within 14 working days after the date of receipt of the department's response
13 under par. (e) 2., the department may implement the recommendations, as modified
14 in the department's response. If, within 14 working days after the date of the
15 department's response, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the department
16 that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the
17 department's response to the recommendations made in the advisory report under
18 par. (d), the department may not implement any of the recommendations until the
19 committee approves the department's plan to implement or reject each
20 recommendation in the advisory report.

21 (g) *Implementation of recommendations; department.*

22 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., the department shall implement the
23 recommendations related to the financial information portal, including any
24 modifications approved under par. (f), by no later than the first day of the 13th month

1 following the date on which the department may implement the recommendations
2 under par. (f).

3 2. The department may delay providing financial information for schools in the
4 financial information portal until the 2023-24 school year.

5 (h) *Termination.* The advisory committee terminates on January 1, 2024.

6 (END)