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**SENATE AMENDMENT 2,
TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,
TO SENATE BILL 45**

July 2, 2025 - Offered by Senators HESSELBEIN, SMITH, SPREITZER, DRAKE, L. JOHNSON, ROYS, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, HABUSH SINYKIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF and WALL.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

3 “**SECTION 1.** 16.23 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **16.23 First class city school district audit response support. (1)**

5 Subject to sub. (2), the department shall provide payments to a 1st class city school
6 district to implement recommendations from instructional and operational audits
7 of the school district initiated by the governor. Moneys received under this
8 subsection may be expended for items addressed in the audits, development and
9 implementation of integrated financial reporting software, and facilitation of data
10 compatibility with state and local finance systems.

11 **(2)** No payment may be made under sub. (1) unless, at the time of payment,

1 the secretary is satisfied that the school district is already making substantial
2 progress on implementation of the audit recommendations.

3 **SECTION 1m.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place,
4 replace the schedule for s. 20.255 from Senate Bill 45 covering the department of
5 justice.

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.255 (1) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.255 (1) (ac) *Farm to School program.* The amounts in the schedule to
8 provide matching funds for grants under 42 USC 1769 (g) (3), the federal Farm to
9 School Program.

10 **SECTION 3.** 20.255 (1) (be) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.255 (1) (be) *Early childhood special education; coaches.* The amounts in
12 the schedule for regional child care collaboration coaches under s. 115.887.

13 **SECTION 4.** 20.255 (1) (en) of the statutes is created to read:

14 20.255 (1) (en) *Information technology systems modernization.* As a
15 continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the purpose of
16 modernizing information technology systems used by the department.

17 **SECTION 5.** 20.255 (1) (er) of the statutes is created to read:

18 20.255 (1) (er) *Educators Rising; grants for local chapters.* The amounts in
19 the schedule for grants under s. 115.407.

20 **SECTION 6.** 20.255 (1) (fd) of the statutes is created to read:

21 20.255 (1) (fd) *General educational development test fee payments.* A sum
22 sufficient for payments to GED Testing Service LLC, or its successor, under s.
23 115.28 (67) (a).

24 **SECTION 7.** 20.255 (1) (hg) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (1) (hg) *Personnel licensure, teacher supply, information and analysis, and teacher improvement.* ~~The amounts in the schedule~~ All moneys received from the licensure of school and public library personnel under s. 115.28 (7) (d) and all moneys received under s. 115.41 to fund licensure administrative costs under ~~s.~~ ss. 115.28 (7) (d) and 118.19 (10), teacher supply, information and analysis costs under s. 115.29 (5), and teacher improvement under s. 115.41. ~~Ninety percent of all moneys received from the licensure of school and public library personnel under s. 115.28 (7) (d), and all moneys received under s. 115.41, shall be credited to this appropriation.~~

SECTION 8. 20.255 (2) (az) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (az) *Special Needs Scholarship Program.* A sum sufficient to make the payments under s. 115.7915 (4m) (a), ~~(em)~~, and (e) and (4p).

SECTION 9. 20.255 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (b) *Aids for special education and school age parents programs.* ~~The amounts in the schedule~~ A sum sufficient for the payment of the full cost of special education for children in hospitals and convalescent homes under s. 115.88 (4) and for the payment of aids for special education and school age parents programs ~~under ss. 115.88, 115.93 and 118.255~~ as provided under s. 115.882.

SECTION 10. 20.255 (2) (bd) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (bd) *Additional special education aid.* ~~The amounts in the schedule~~ A sum sufficient for aid under s. 115.881.

SECTION 11. 20.255 (2) (bp) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (bp) *Health emergencies in learning places; grants.* Biennially, the

1 amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 115.28 (68) to school boards,
2 independent charter schools, and private schools participating in a program under
3 s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23.

4 **SECTION 12.** 20.255 (2) (cc) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 20.255 (2) (cc) *Bilingual-bicultural education aids.* The amounts in the
6 schedule for bilingual-bicultural education ~~programs aid~~ under ~~subch. VII of ch.~~
7 ~~115 s. 115.995.~~

8 **SECTION 13.** 20.255 (2) (ce) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.255 (2) (ce) *Aid for English language acquisition.* A sum sufficient for aid
10 under s. 115.9955.

11 **SECTION 14.** 20.255 (2) (cg) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 20.255 (2) (cg) *Tuition payments; full-time open enrollment transfer payments.*
13 The amounts in the schedule for payment of tuition under subch. V of ch. 121 and
14 full-time open enrollment transfer payments under s. 118.51 (16) (b) 2. and (17) (c)
15 2. ~~and (em) 2.~~

16 **SECTION 15.** 20.255 (2) (ck) of the statutes is created to read:

17 20.255 (2) (ck) *Supplemental nutrition aid.* A sum sufficient for payments
18 under s. 115.3415.

19 **SECTION 16.** 20.255 (2) (da) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 20.255 (2) (da) *Aid for school mental health programs; pupil services*
21 *professionals.* The amounts in the schedule for aid to ~~school districts and~~
22 ~~independent charter schools~~ employ, hire, and retain pupil services professionals
23 under s. 115.364.

24 **SECTION 17.** 20.255 (2) (dk) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (dk) *Aid for career and technical education.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for payments to school boards and independent charter schools under s. 115.433.

SECTION 18. 20.255 (2) (ds) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

20.255 (2) (ds) *Computer science education grants.* The amounts in the schedule for grants to school boards under s. 115.28 (29).

SECTION 19. 20.255 (2) (dt) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (dt) (title) ~~*School-based Aid for comprehensive school mental health services grants.*~~

SECTION 20. 20.255 (2) (dv) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (dv) *Aid for period products.* The amounts in the schedule for aid to schools for the provision of period products under s. 115.351 (2).

SECTION 21. 20.255 (2) (dw) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (dw) *Water bottle filling station; grants.* The amounts in the schedule for grants to school districts and independent charter schools under s. 115.335.

SECTION 22. 20.255 (2) (eb) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (eb) ~~*Grant*~~ *Grants for information technology education.* The amounts in the schedule for ~~the grant~~ grants for information technology under s. 115.455.

SECTION 23. 20.255 (2) (ef) of the statutes is created to read:

20.255 (2) (ef) *Personal financial literacy grants.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for financial literacy curriculum grants under s. 115.28 (72).

SECTION 24. 20.255 (2) (fj) of the statutes is created to read:

1 20.255 (2) (fj) *Grow your own programs; teacher pipeline capacity building.*

2 The amounts in the schedule for grants under s. 115.422 to school districts and
3 operators of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

4 **SECTION 25.** 20.255 (3) (cj) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.255 (3) (cj) *Student teacher stipends.* A sum sufficient for payments to
6 student teachers under s. 115.421.

7 **SECTION 26.** 20.255 (3) (ck) of the statutes is created to read:

8 20.255 (3) (ck) *Cooperating teacher stipends.* A sum sufficient for payments to
9 teachers under s. 115.424.

10 **SECTION 27.** 20.255 (3) (cL) of the statutes is created to read:

11 20.255 (3) (cL) *Library intern stipend payments.* A sum sufficient for library
12 intern stipend payments under s. 43.05 (12m).

13 **SECTION 28.** 20.255 (3) (ct) of the statutes is created to read:

14 20.255 (3) (ct) *Career and technical student organizations; grants.* The
15 amounts in the schedule for grants to career and technical student organizations
16 under s. 115.28 (30) (f).

17 **SECTION 29.** 20.255 (3) (fa) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 20.255 (3) (fa) ~~*Very special arts*~~ *Arts for All*. The amounts in the schedule for
19 ~~very special arts~~ Arts for All Wisconsin, incorporated.

20 **SECTION 30.** 20.255 (3) (fs) of the statutes is created to read:

21 20.255 (3) (fs) *The Literacy Lab.* The amounts in the schedule for payments to
22 The Literacy Lab under s. 115.28 (71).

23 **SECTION 31.** 20.255 (3) (ft) of the statutes is created to read:

1 20.255 (3) (ft) *Early literacy tutoring; grants.* The amounts in the schedule for
2 early literacy tutoring grants under s. 115.395.

3 **SECTION 32.** 20.255 (3) (fv) of the statutes is created to read:

4 20.255 (3) (fv) *Graduation Alliance.* The amounts in the schedule for
5 payments to Graduation Alliance, Inc., under s. 115.28 (70).

6 **SECTION 33.** 20.255 (3) (fw) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.255 (3) (fw) *Mentor Greater Milwaukee.* Biennially, the amounts in the
8 schedule for grants to Mentor Greater Milwaukee, Inc., under s. 115.28 (69).

9 **SECTION 34.** 20.505 (1) (cv) of the statutes is created to read:

10 20.505 (1) (cv) *First class city school district audit response support.*
11 Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for payments under s. 16.23 to a 1st class
12 city school district to implement audit recommendations.

13 **SECTION 35.** 43.05 (12m) of the statutes is created to read:

14 43.05 (12m) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (3) (cL), beginning in the
15 2026-27 school year, provide payments, in the amount of \$2,500 per student per
16 semester, to students who are enrolled in a program leading to a master's degree in
17 library and information sciences and are placed as an intern in a public library or
18 school library. The division may promulgate rules to implement this subsection.

19 **SECTION 36.** 62.90 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 62.90 (8) (b) and
20 amended to read:

21 62.90 (8) (b) Beginning January 1, 2024, the school board of the 1st class city
22 school district that is located in the 1st class city shall ensure that not fewer than 25
23 school resource officers are present at schools within the school district during
24 normal school hours and that school resource officers are available during before-

1 school and after-school care, extracurricular activities, and sporting events as
2 needed. In addition, beginning January 1, 2024, the school board of the 1st class
3 city school district that is located in the 1st class city shall ensure that the school
4 resource officers complete the 40-hour course sponsored by the National Association
5 of School Resource Officers. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, the school board
6 of the 1st class city school district that is located in the 1st class city shall consider
7 the statistics it receives under s. 118.124 (3) (a) when deciding at which schools to
8 place school resource officers required under this subsection.

9 (c) 1. The 1st class city school district and the 1st class city shall ~~agree to an~~
10 ~~apportionment of~~ apportion the costs of meeting the requirements of this
11 subsection: as follows:

12 (a) In this subsection, ~~“law:~~

13 1. “Law enforcement officer” means a person who is employed by the state or
14 a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime
15 and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for
16 violations of the laws or ordinances that the person is employed to enforce, ~~and~~
17 ~~“school.~~

18 3. “School resource officer” means a law enforcement officer who is deployed
19 in community-oriented policing and assigned by the law enforcement agency, as
20 defined in s. 165.83 (1) (b), that employs him or her to work in a full-time capacity in
21 collaboration with a school district.

22 **SECTION 37.** 62.90 (8) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

23 62.90 (8) (a) 2. “School day” has the meaning given in s. 115.01 (10).

24 **SECTION 38.** 62.90 (8) (c) 1. a. of the statutes is created to read:

1 62.90 (8) (c) 1. a. For the costs of meeting the requirements of this subsection
2 on school days, to the 1st class city school district 25 percent of the costs or
3 \$400,000, whichever is greater, and the remainder to the 1st class city. Beginning
4 in the 2026-27 school year, the maximum amount that may be apportioned to the
5 1st class city school district is \$400,000.

6 **SECTION 39.** 62.90 (8) (c) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:

7 62.90 (8) (c) 1. b. For the costs of meeting the requirements of this subsection
8 on days other than school days, 100 percent of the costs to the 1st class city.

9 **SECTION 40.** 62.90 (8) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

10 62.90 (8) (c) 2. For school years beginning after July 1, 2027, the maximum
11 dollar amount apportioned to the 1st class city school district under subd. 1. a. shall
12 be increased each year by a percentage equal to the percentage change between the
13 U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, for the month
14 of August of the previous year and the U.S. consumer price index for all urban
15 consumers, U.S. city average, for the month of August 2025, as determined by the
16 federal department of labor.

17 **SECTION 41.** 106.023 of the statutes is created to read:

18 **106.023 Teacher apprenticeships.** (1) In consultation with the
19 department of public instruction, the department shall prescribe the conditions
20 under which a person may serve a teacher apprenticeship, as to higher education
21 attendance requirements, level of supervision of an apprentice, and the credit for
22 school attendance in serving the apprenticeship. The department shall also
23 prescribe the criteria an individual must satisfy to demonstrate that the individual
24 has successfully completed an apprenticeship under this section.

1 (2) Every person commencing a teacher apprenticeship shall enter into an
2 apprentice contract under s. 106.01.

3 **SECTION 42.** 115.28 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.28 (7) (a) License all teachers for the public schools of the state; make
5 rules establishing standards of attainment and procedures for the examination and
6 licensing of teachers within the limits prescribed in ss. 118.19 (3), 118.191,
7 118.1915, 118.192, 118.193, 118.194, 118.195, ~~and 118.197,~~ and 118.198; prescribe
8 by rule standards, requirements, and procedures for the approval of teacher
9 preparatory programs leading to licensure, including a requirement that, to be
10 approved by the state superintendent, a teacher preparatory program shall
11 demonstrate that it provides instruction that prepares teachers to teach reading
12 and language arts using science-based early reading instruction, as defined in s.
13 118.015 (1c) (b), and does not provide instruction on teaching reading and language
14 arts that incorporates 3-cueing, as defined in s. 118.015 (1c) (c), and a requirement
15 that, beginning on July 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, each teacher preparatory
16 program located in this state shall submit to the department a list of individuals
17 who have completed the program and who have been recommended by the program
18 for licensure under this subsection, together with each individual's date of program
19 completion, from each term or semester of the program's most recently completed
20 academic year; file in the state superintendent's office all papers relating to state
21 teachers' licenses; and register each such license.

22 **SECTION 43.** 115.28 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 115.28 (7) (b) Subject to the same rules and laws concerning qualifications of
24 applicants and granting and revocation of licenses or certificates under par. (a), the

1 state superintendent shall grant certificates and licenses to teachers in private
2 schools and tribal schools, except that teaching experience requirements for such
3 certificates and licenses may be fulfilled by teaching experience in public, private,
4 or tribal schools. An applicant is not eligible for a license or certificate unless the
5 state superintendent finds that the private school or tribal school in which the
6 applicant taught offered an adequate educational program during the period of the
7 applicant's teaching therein. ~~Private~~ Except as provided in ss. 115.7915 (2) (i),
8 118.60 (2) (a) 6m., and 119.23 (2) (a) 6m., private schools are not obligated to employ
9 only licensed or certified teachers.

10 **SECTION 44.** 115.28 (7) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.28 (7) (cm) Consult with the department of workforce development to
12 develop the teacher apprenticeship under s. 106.023 in a manner in which an
13 individual who completes a teacher apprenticeship under s. 106.23 satisfies the
14 requirements for a license to teach under s. 118.19 (6), (8), (9), and (12).

15 **SECTION 45.** 115.28 (29) of the statutes is created to read:

16 115.28 (29) COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION GRANTS. Annually award grants
17 to school boards to expand computer science educational opportunities in all grade
18 levels operated by the school district. For purposes of awarding grants under this
19 subsection, expanding computer science educational opportunities includes
20 providing professional development, the application of programming or coding
21 concepts or integration of computer science fundamentals into other subjects, and
22 purchasing curricula and related materials. A school board may not use a grant
23 under this subsection to purchase personal electronic computing devices, as defined
24 in s. 115.438 (1) (b), computers, or computer hardware.

1 **SECTION 46.** 115.28 (30) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

2 115.28 **(30)** (e) Annually, identify one career and technical student
3 organization for each education subject listed in par. (b).

4 **SECTION 47.** 115.28 (30) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

5 115.28 **(30)** (f) Annually, distribute to each career and technical student
6 organization identified under par. (e) an amount determined as follows:

7 1. Determine the total number of pupils who were members of the career and
8 technical student organizations identified under par. (e) in the previous school year.

9 2. For each career and technical student organization, divide the number of
10 pupils who were members of that career and technical student organization in the
11 previous school year by the total determined under subd. 1.

12 3. Multiply the quotient under subd. 2. by the amount appropriated under s.
13 20.255 (3) (ct) for the current fiscal year.

14 **SECTION 48.** 115.28 (63) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 115.28 **(63)** MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM. (intro.) Establish a mental
16 health training support program under which the department provides training ~~on~~
17 ~~all of the following evidence-based strategies related to addressing mental health~~
18 ~~issues in schools~~ to school district staff ~~and~~, instructional staff of charter schools
19 under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), and individuals employed by an out-of-school-time
20 program on evidence-based strategies related to addressing mental health needs
21 and suicide prevention in schools, including all of the following:

22 **SECTION 49.** 115.28 (67) of the statutes is created to read:

23 115.28 **(67)** GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST FEE PAYMENTS. (a)
24 Subject to pars. (b) and (c), from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (fd), pay to

GED Testing Service LLC, or its successor, the testing service fee for an eligible individual who takes a content area test given under the general educational development test. In this subsection, “eligible individual” means an individual who satisfies all of the following conditions before taking the content area test:

1. The individual meets the eligibility requirements promulgated by the department by rule for a high school equivalency diploma or certificate of general educational development.

2. The individual takes and receives a passing score on a practice test for the content area that is developed by GED Testing Service LLC, or its successor.

(b) For each eligible individual under par. (a), pay for no more than one testing service fee for each content area test taken in a calendar year.

(c) Pay the testing service fee for a content area test under par. (a) only if the eligible individual takes the test on or after January 1, 2026, at a testing site in this state that is approved by the state superintendent.

SECTION 50. 115.28 (68) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 **(68)** HEALTH EMERGENCIES IN LEARNING PLACES; GRANTS. Annually, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bp), award grants to school boards, operators of charter schools, and governing bodies of private schools participating in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 to comply with requirements under ss. 118.07 (1) (b) and (6), 118.075 (4) (a) and (b), 118.60 (7) (g) 1. and 2. and 119.23 (7) (g) 1. and 2. A grant under this subsection may be used for any of the following:

(a) Automated external defibrillators.

1 (b) Automated external defibrillator maintenance.

2 (c) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training supplies and materials.

3 (d) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for school personnel, including
4 coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers.

5 (e) First aid training and education materials.

6 (f) Other activities that promote preparedness for using cardiac emergency
7 response plans in a school or athletic facility.

8 (g) Carbon monoxide detectors.

9 (h) Opioid antagonists.

10 **SECTION 51.** 115.28 (69) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.28 **(69)** MENTOR GREATER MILWAUKEE. From the appropriation under s.
12 20.255 (3) (fw), award grants to Mentor Greater Milwaukee, Inc., to expand access
13 to quality youth mentoring in Milwaukee County.

14 **SECTION 52.** 115.28 (70) of the statutes is created to read:

15 115.28 **(70)** GRADUATION ALLIANCE. Annually distribute the amounts
16 appropriated under s. 20.255 (3) (fv) to Graduation Alliance, Inc., a Utah
17 corporation, to support pupils and their families through a coaching program
18 designed to improve school engagement and academic performance known as
19 Engage Wisconsin.

20 **SECTION 53.** 115.28 (71) of the statutes is created to read:

21 115.28 **(71)** THE LITERACY LAB. Annually distribute the amounts
22 appropriated under s. 20.255 (3) (fs) to The Literacy Lab, a Virginia nonstock

1 corporation, to provide an evidence-based literacy intervention program in public
2 schools located in the cities of Milwaukee and Racine.

3 **SECTION 54.** 115.28 (72) of the statutes is created to read:

4 115.28 (72) FINANCIAL LITERACY CURRICULUM GRANT PROGRAM. Award
5 grants to school boards and charter schools established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x)
6 for the purpose of developing, implementing, or improving financial literacy
7 curricula. In awarding grants under this subsection, the state superintendent shall
8 prioritize grant applications related to innovative financial literacy curricula, as
9 determined by the state superintendent.

10 **SECTION 55.** 115.335 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **115.335 Water bottle filling stations; grants.** (1) Beginning in the 2026-
12 27 school year, the department shall award grants to school districts and operators
13 of charter schools established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) to modify water fountains
14 to include water bottle filling equipment that includes a water filtration component.

15 (2) The department may promulgate rules to implement and administer this
16 section.

17 **SECTION 56.** 115.341 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 115.341 (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cm), the state
19 superintendent shall reimburse each school board, each operator of a charter school
20 under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), each operator of a residential care center for children
21 and youth, as defined in s. 115.76 (14g), the director of the program under s. 115.52,
22 and the director of the center under s. 115.525 15 cents for each breakfast served at
23 a school, as defined in 7 CFR 220.2, that meets the requirements of 7 CFR 220.8 and
24 shall reimburse each governing body of a private school or tribal school 15 cents for

1 each breakfast served at the private school or tribal school that meets the
2 requirements of 7 CFR 220.8.

3 **SECTION 57.** 115.341 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.341 (2) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cm) in any fiscal year is
5 insufficient to pay the full amount of aid under this section, the state
6 superintendent shall prorate state aid payments among the school boards,
7 operators, directors, and governing bodies ~~of private schools and tribal schools~~
8 entitled to the aid under sub. (1).

9 **SECTION 58.** 115.341 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

10 115.341 (3) Notwithstanding sub. (1), the state superintendent may not
11 reimburse the operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), the operator
12 of a residential care center for children and youth, as defined in s. 115.76 (14g), the
13 director of the program under s. 115.52, the director of the center under s. 115.525,
14 or the governing body of a private or tribal school for any breakfast served at a
15 school, as defined in 7 CFR 220.2, during the prior school year if the school ceased
16 operations during that prior school year.

17 **SECTION 59.** 115.3415 of the statutes is created to read:

18 **115.3415 Supplemental nutrition aid. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

19 (a) “Educational agency” means a school board, an operator of a charter
20 school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), a private school, a tribal school, an operator of a
21 residential care center for children and youth, as defined in s. 115.76 (14g), the
22 director of the program under s. 115.52, and the director of the center under s.
23 115.525.

1 (b) “Eligible pupil” means a pupil who satisfies the income eligibility criteria
2 for a reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1).

3 (c) “Federal school breakfast program” means the program under 42 USC
4 1773.

5 (d) “Federal school lunch program” means the program under 42 USC 1751 to
6 1769j.

7 (e) “Free-meal reimbursement amount” means the reimbursement amount in
8 the previous school year for a school meal provided to a pupil who satisfies the
9 income eligibility for a free lunch under the federal school lunch program.

10 (f) “Ineligible pupil” means a pupil who does not satisfy the income eligibility
11 criteria for a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1).

12 (g) “Paid-meal reimbursement amount” means the reimbursement amount in
13 the previous school year for a school meal provided to an ineligible pupil.

14 (h) “Reduced-price-meal reimbursement amount” means the reimbursement
15 amount in the previous school year for a school meal provided to an eligible pupil.

16 (i) “Reimbursement amount” means the national average payment rate for a
17 school meal, as announced by the food and nutrition service of the federal
18 department of agriculture in the federal register.

19 (j) “School meal” means a lunch made available under the federal school
20 lunch program, a meal supplement made available under the federal school lunch
21 program, or a breakfast made available under the federal school breakfast program.

22 **(2) ELIGIBILITY.** An educational agency is eligible for payments under this
23 section if the educational agency does not charge pupils for school meals for which

1 the educational agency receives reimbursement under the federal school breakfast
2 program or the federal school lunch program.

3 (3) ANNUAL PAYMENT. From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ck), in the
4 2026-27 school year and each school year thereafter, the state superintendent shall
5 pay to each educational agency the sum of all of the following:

6 (a) The total number of lunches provided by the educational agency to eligible
7 pupils under the federal school lunch program in the previous school year
8 multiplied by the difference between the reduced-price-meal reimbursement
9 amount for a lunch and the free-meal reimbursement amount for a lunch.

10 (b) The total number of lunches provided by the educational agency to
11 ineligible pupils under the federal school lunch program in the previous school year
12 multiplied by the difference between the paid-meal reimbursement amount for a
13 lunch and the free-meal reimbursement amount for a lunch.

14 (c) The total number of breakfasts provided by the educational agency to
15 eligible pupils under the federal school breakfast program in the previous school
16 year multiplied by the difference between the reduced-price-meal reimbursement
17 amount for a breakfast and the free-meal reimbursement amount for a breakfast.

18 (d) The total number of breakfasts provided by the educational agency to
19 ineligible pupils under the federal school breakfast program in the previous school
20 year multiplied by the difference between the paid-meal reimbursement amount for
21 a breakfast and the free-meal reimbursement amount for a breakfast.

22 (e) The total number of meal supplements provided by the educational agency
23 to eligible pupils under the federal school lunch program in the previous school year

multiplied by the difference between the reduced-price-meal reimbursement amount for a meal supplement and the free-meal reimbursement amount for a meal supplement.

(f) The total number of meal supplements provided by the educational agency to ineligible pupils under the federal school lunch program in the previous school year multiplied by the difference between the paid-meal reimbursement amount for a meal supplement and the free-meal reimbursement amount for a meal supplement.

SECTION 60. 115.351 of the statutes is created to read:

115.351 Aid for period products. (1) In this section:

(a) “Economically disadvantaged pupil” has the meaning given in s. 115.43 (1).

(b) “Eligible local educational agency” means a school district or charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) for which the percentage of economically disadvantaged pupils who were enrolled in the school district or attended the charter school in the previous school year is greater than the percentage of economically disadvantaged pupils who were enrolled in school districts and attended charter schools statewide in the previous school year.

(2) Subject to sub. (3), the department shall distribute aid for the provision of period products in accordance with s. 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. m. or (2x) (b) 2. m. or 121.02 (1) (im) to each eligible local educational agency in an amount equal to the greater of the following:

(a) One hundred dollars.

(b) An amount determined as follows:

1 1. Divide the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year under s. 20.255
2 (2) (dv) by the total number of economically disadvantaged pupils who were enrolled
3 in or attended eligible local educational agencies statewide in the previous school
4 year.

5 2. Multiply the number of economically disadvantaged pupils who were
6 enrolled in or attended the eligible local educational agency in the previous school
7 year by the quotient determined under subd. 1.

8 **(3)** If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dv) in the current fiscal year is
9 insufficient to pay the full amount of aid under sub. (2), aid payments shall be
10 prorated among the eligible local educational agencies.

11 **SECTION 61.** 115.363 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 115.363 **(2)** (b) The school board shall pay to each nonprofit corporation with
13 which it contracts under par. (a) an amount that is no more than the amount paid
14 per pupil under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) ~~2m., 2n., or 2p.~~ 2q. in the current school year
15 multiplied by the number of pupils participating in the program under the contract.

16 **SECTION 62.** 115.364 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **115.364 (title) Aid for school mental health programs, pupil services**
18 **professionals.**

19 **SECTION 63.** 115.364 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 115.364 (1) and
20 amended to read:

21 115.364 **(1)** In this section, “pupil services professional” means a school
22 counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, or school nurse.

23 **SECTION 64.** 115.364 (1) (a), (am) and (b) of the statutes are repealed.

1 **SECTION 65.** 115.364 (2) (a) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated,
2 renumbered 115.364 (2) (a) and amended to read:

3 115.364 (2) (a) Beginning in the ~~2018-19~~ 2025-26 school year and annually
4 thereafter, the state superintendent shall ~~do all of the following:~~ 1. Subject, subject
5 to par. (b), from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (da), ~~pay to an eligible~~
6 reimburse a school district board, the operator of a charter school established under
7 s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), or the governing body of a private school participating in a
8 program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 for an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount
9 by which the school district increased its expenditures made by the school board,
10 operator, or governing body in the preceding school year to employ, hire, or retain
11 social workers over the amount it expended in the school year immediately
12 preceding the preceding school year to employ, hire, or retain social workers pupil
13 services professionals.

14 **SECTION 66.** 115.364 (2) (a) 2. and 3. of the statutes are repealed.

15 **SECTION 67.** 115.364 (2) (b) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 115.364 (2) (b)
16 and amended to read:

17 115.364 (2) (b) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (da) in any fiscal year
18 is insufficient to pay the full amount of aid under par. (a), the state superintendent
19 shall prorate state aid payments among the school districts, ~~private schools, and~~
20 ~~independent charter schools~~ boards, operators of charter schools established under
21 s. 118.40 (2r) and (2x), and governing bodies of private schools participating in
22 programs under ss. 118.60 and 119.23 that are eligible for the aid.

23 **SECTION 68.** 115.364 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

1 **SECTION 69.** 115.366 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 115.366 (3) AWARDS. ~~Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, from~~ From the
3 appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (du), the department shall award up to ~~\$1,000~~
4 \$6,000 for each school for which a grant is awarded under sub. (1).

5 **SECTION 70.** 115.367 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

6 **115.367 Aid for comprehensive school mental health services. (1)**

7 Beginning in the 2025-26 school year and annually thereafter, the state
8 superintendent shall, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dt) and subject to
9 sub. (3), reimburse a school board or the operator of a charter school established
10 under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) for expenditures relating to mental health services
11 provided during in-school or out-of-school time. Mental health services eligible for
12 reimbursement under this subsection include at least all of the following:

13 (a) Mental health evidence-based improvement strategies.

14 (b) Mental health literacy and stigma reduction programs for pupils and
15 adults.

16 (c) Collaborating or contracting with community mental health providers,
17 consultants, organizations, cooperative educational service agencies, and other
18 experts to provide consultation, training, mentoring, and coaching.

19 (d) Parent training and informational events.

20 (e) Assistance programs for pupils and families.

21 (f) Mental health navigators.

22 (g) Mental health system planning.

23 (h) Translator and interpreter services.

1 (i) School-employed mental health professionals who are accessible to all
2 pupils and for whom a reimbursement is not made under s. 115.364 (2) (a).

3 (j) Setting up spaces and purchasing equipment suitable for mental health
4 telehealth service delivery.

5 (k) Projects designed to assist minors experiencing problems resulting from
6 the use of alcohol or other drugs or to prevent alcohol or other drug use by minors.

7 (L) Telehealth services, as defined in s. 440.01 (1) (hm).

8 **(2)** The following costs are ineligible for reimbursement under sub. (1):

9 (a) Payments for direct treatment services or insurance deductibles.

10 (b) Training that is not related to pupil mental health.

11 (c) Staff salaries for positions that are not related to pupil mental health.

12 (d) Indirect costs of regular school operations.

13 **(3)** (a) In each school year, the amount the state superintendent reimburses a
14 school board or operator of an independent charter school under sub. (1) may not
15 exceed the greater of the following:

16 1. \$100,000.

17 2. \$100 multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled in the school district or
18 charter school in the previous school year.

19 (b) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dt) in any fiscal year is insufficient
20 to pay the full amount of aid under sub. (1), the state superintendent shall prorate
21 state aid payments among the school boards and the operators of charter schools
22 established under s. 118.40 (2r) and (2x) that are eligible for the aid.

1 **SECTION 71.** 115.39 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 115.39 (2) (a) (intro.)
2 and amended to read:

3 115.39 (2) (a) (intro.) Contract with individuals who demonstrate knowledge
4 and expertise in science-based early literacy instruction and instructional practices
5 and have instructional experience in grades kindergarten to 12 to serve as literacy
6 coaches. The office may not contract for more than ~~64~~ the following number of full-
7 time equivalent positions under this paragraph;

8 **SECTION 72.** 115.39 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

9 115.39 (2) (a) 1. In the 2025-26 school year, 64.

10 **SECTION 73.** 115.39 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.39 (2) (a) 2. In the 2026-27 and each school year thereafter, 100.

12 **SECTION 74.** 115.39 (3) (c) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 115.39 (3) (c) 1. (intro.) The total number of full-time equivalent literacy
14 coaches assigned under pars. (a) and (b) in the 2025-26 school year to eligible
15 schools located within the geographical boundaries of a school district may not
16 exceed the following:

17 **SECTION 75.** 115.39 (3) (c) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

18 115.39 (3) (c) 1m. Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, the total number of
19 full-time equivalent literacy coaches assigned under pars. (a) and (b) to eligible
20 schools located within the geographical boundaries of a school district may not
21 exceed the following:

22 a. For a 1st class city school district, 16.

23 b. For a school district other than a 1st class city school district, 6.

24 **SECTION 76.** 115.395 of the statutes is created to read:

1 **115.395 Early literacy tutoring; grants.** (1) In this section:

2 (a) “High-dosage literacy tutoring” means literacy tutoring that is all of the
3 following:

4 1. Provided to a pupil in a one-on-one setting or in a small group that does not
5 include more than 4 pupils per tutor.

6 2. Provided to a pupil at least 3 sessions, each of which is at least 30 minutes
7 in duration, per week by the same tutor.

8 3. Provided by tutors who are professionally trained and receive ongoing
9 support and coaching.

10 4. Provided using high-quality instructional materials that align with
11 classroom content.

12 5. Held during school hours.

13 (b) “Literacy tutoring” means tutoring that includes science-based early
14 reading instruction and does not include 3-cueing.

15 (c) “Science-based early reading instruction” has the meaning given in s.
16 118.015 (1c) (b).

17 (d) “Three-cueing” has the meaning given in s. 118.015 (1c) (c).

18 **(2)** The department shall establish and implement a competitive grant
19 program to award grants to community-based nonprofit organizations for the
20 purpose of providing literacy tutoring, including high-dosage literacy tutoring, to
21 pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 3 who have not yet demonstrated the
22 ability to read at grade level.

23 **(3)** The department may promulgate rules to implement and administer this
24 section.

1 **SECTION 77.** 115.407 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **115.407 Grants to support local programming; career pathway to**
3 **teaching.** (1) (a) The department shall develop a competitive request-for-proposal
4 process for the award of a grant to an entity for the purpose of subsidizing
5 cocurricular opportunities provided to public school pupils in grades 6 to 12 that
6 encourage pupils to pursue a career in teaching elementary and secondary grades.

7 (b) The department shall accept applications from entities responding to the
8 request-for-proposal under par. (a) and shall, from the appropriation under s.
9 20.255 (1) (er), award a grant to an entity that satisfies the requirements under sub.
10 (2).

11 (2) To be eligible for a grant under this section, an entity shall demonstrate
12 that it has successfully supported cocurricular opportunities in public schools in
13 this state to encourage pupils to pursue a career in teaching elementary and
14 secondary grades.

15 **SECTION 78.** 115.421 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **115.421 Student teacher stipends.** From the appropriation account under
17 s. 20.255 (3) (cj), beginning in the 2026-27 school year, the department shall provide
18 payments, in the amount of \$2,500 per individual per semester, to an individual
19 who is completing student teaching as part of a teacher preparatory program
20 approved by the state superintendent under s. 115.28 (7) (a). Receipt of a payment
21 under this section does not preclude an individual's receipt of a payment under s.
22 115.41. The department may promulgate rules to implement this section.

23 **SECTION 79.** 115.422 of the statutes is created to read:

24 **115.422 Grow your own programs; teacher pipeline capacity**

1 **building.** (1) In this section, “grow your own program” means a program to
2 encourage individuals to pursue a career in teaching or to facilitate teacher
3 licensure. “Grow your own programs” include high school clubs that encourage
4 careers in teaching, payment of costs associated with current staff acquiring
5 education needed for licensure, support for career pathways using dual enrollment,
6 support for partnerships focused on attracting or developing new teachers, or
7 incentives for paraprofessionals to gain licensure.

8 (2) Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, from the appropriation under s.
9 20.255 (2) (fj), the department shall award grants to a school district or the operator
10 of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) to reimburse the school district or
11 charter school for costs associated with grow your own programs.

12 (3) The department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this
13 section, including criteria for awarding a grant.

14 **SECTION 80.** 115.424 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **115.424 Cooperating teacher stipends.** From the appropriation account
16 under s. 20.255 (3) (ck), beginning in the 2026-27 school year, the department shall
17 provide payments, in the amount of \$1,000 per teacher per semester, to a
18 cooperating teacher who is overseeing an individual who is completing student
19 teaching. The department may promulgate rules to implement this section.

20 **SECTION 81.** 115.433 of the statutes is created to read:

21 **115.433 Aid for career and technical education.** (1) In this section,
22 “high school career and technical education pathway” means a series of career and

1 technical education opportunities that prepare a pupil for a postsecondary option in
2 a specific career area.

3 (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dk), the state superintendent
4 shall provide payments to school boards and operators of a charter school
5 established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) for the purpose of increasing high school
6 career and technical education pathways in public schools. Aid payments under
7 this subsection may be used for expenses related to creating career and technical
8 education courses and high school career and technical education pathways and for
9 expanding access to existing career and technical education courses and high school
10 career and technical education pathways. The department shall pay to a school
11 board or operator of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) an
12 amount calculated as follows:

13 (a) Determine the total number of pupils in the high school grades enrolled in
14 school districts and charter schools established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) in the
15 previous school year.

16 (b) Determine the number of pupils in the high school grades enrolled in the
17 school district or charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) in the
18 previous school year.

19 (c) Divide the amount determined under par. (b) by the amount determined
20 under par. (a).

21 (d) Multiply the quotient calculated under par. (c) by one of the following
22 amounts, whichever is applicable:

23 1. In the 2025-26 school year, \$5,000,000.

2. In the 2026-27 school year, the unencumbered balance of the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (dk) at the close of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

3. In the 2027-28 school year, and each school year thereafter, one-half of the amount appropriated under s. 20.255 (2) (dk) for the applicable fiscal biennium.

(3) The department may promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

SECTION 82. 115.436 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (3) (a) ~~Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, from~~ From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and subject to par. (b), the department shall pay to each school district eligible for sparsity aid under this paragraph ~~\$400~~ \$500 multiplied by the membership in the previous school year.

SECTION 83. 115.436 (3) (am) of the statutes is renumbered 115.436 (3) (am)

1. and amended to read:

115.436 (3) (am) 1. ~~Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, from~~ From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae), the department shall, subject to par. (b), pay to each school district that received aid under ~~this section~~ par. (a) in the previous school year but ~~does not satisfy the requirement under sub. (2) (a) or (2m) (a) is~~ ineligible to receive aid under pars. (a) and (c) in the current school year 50 percent of the amount received by the school district under par. (a) in the previous school year.

SECTION 84. 115.436 (3) (am) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

115.436 (3) (am) 2. From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae), the department shall, subject to par. (b), pay to each school district that received aid under par. (c) in the previous school year but is ineligible to receive aid under pars.

(a) and (c) in the current school year 50 percent of the amount received by the school district under par. (c) in the previous school year.

SECTION 85. 115.436 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.436 (3) (c) ~~Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, from~~ From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (ae) and subject to par. (b), the department shall pay to a school district that is eligible for sparsity aid under this paragraph ~~\$100~~ \$200 multiplied by the school district's membership in the previous school year.

SECTION 86. 115.437 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 115.437 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

115.437 (1) (intro.) In this section, ~~“number;~~

(b) “Number of pupils enrolled” has the meaning given in s. 121.90 (1) (intro.) and includes 40 percent of the summer enrollment. “Number of pupils enrolled” does not include pupils described in the exception under s. 121.90 (1) ~~(f)~~ (g).

SECTION 87. 115.437 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

115.437 (1) (a) “Economically disadvantaged pupil” means a pupil who satisfies either the income eligibility criteria for a free or reduced-price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1) or other measures of poverty, as determined by the department.

SECTION 88. 115.437 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

115.437 (1) (c) “Rate of economically disadvantaged pupils” means the number of economically disadvantaged pupils enrolled in a school district divided by the number of pupils enrolled in the school district.

SECTION 89. 115.437 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 115.437 (2) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

115.437 (2) (a) (intro.) ~~Except as provided in par. (b), annually~~ Annually, on

1 the 4th Monday of March, the department shall pay to each school district an
2 amount equal to the sum of all of the following:

3 1. The average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district in the
4 current and 2 preceding school years multiplied ~~by \$75 in the 2013-14 school year,~~
5 ~~by \$150 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, by \$250 in the 2016-17 school year,~~
6 ~~by \$450 in the 2017-18 school year, by \$654 in the 2018-19 school year, by \$679 and~~
7 ~~\$63 in~~ \$800 in the 2025-26 school year and \$850 in the 2026-27 school year and each
8 school year thereafter.

9 (c) The department shall make the payments under this subsection from the
10 appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (aq).

11 **SECTION 90.** 115.437 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

12 115.437 (2) (a) 2. In the 2025-26 school year and in each school year
13 thereafter, the number of pupils enrolled in a school district multiplied by the
14 school district's rate of economically disadvantaged pupils in the previous school
15 year multiplied by 20 percent of the per pupil amount under subd. 1. for the
16 applicable school year.

17 **SECTION 91.** 115.437 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 92.** 115.445 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 **115.445 (title) Four-year-old kindergarten; grants and model**
20 **community-based approach 4k contract.**

21 **SECTION 93.** 115.445 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 115.445 (1m).

22 **SECTION 94.** 115.445 (1c) of the statutes is created to read:

23 115.445 (1c) In this section:

24 (a) "Community-based approach contract" means a written document that

1 defines the roles and responsibilities of a school board and a community-based
2 provider related to the operation of a 4-year-old kindergarten program.

3 (b) “Community-based provider” means a head start agency designated under
4 42 USC 9836, a family child care center, as defined in s. 49.136 (1) (j), or a group
5 child care center, as defined in s. 49.136 (1) (k).

6 **SECTION 95.** 115.445 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

7 115.445 (2m) (a) By no later than January 1, 2026, and in consultation with
8 the department of children and families, the department shall develop a model
9 community-based approach contract.

10 (b) In consultation with the department of children and families, the
11 department shall, by rule, establish the standard per pupil payment amount a
12 school board pays to a community-based provider under the model community-
13 based approach contract developed under par. (a).

14 **SECTION 96.** 115.448 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **115.448 Early literacy; aid for intensive summer reading programs.**

16 (1) (a) “Eligible pupil” means a pupil who was promoted to 4th grade who had a
17 personal reading plan under s. 118.016 (5) (a) 1. during the 3rd grade and who was
18 not considered to have completed the personal reading plan under s. 118.016 (5) (d)
19 at the time the pupil was promoted to 4th grade.

20 (b) “Required intensive summer reading program” means an intensive
21 summer reading program that is required to be included in a promotion policy
22 under s. 118.33 (6) (a) 3. or (b) 2m.

23 (2) Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, from the appropriation under s.
24 20.255 (1) (fc), the department shall in each school year reimburse school boards

1 and charter schools established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) for the costs they
2 incurred in the previous school year to provide required intensive summer reading
3 programs to eligible pupils. School boards and charter schools established under s.
4 118.40 (2r) or (2x) shall report to the department their costs that are eligible for
5 reimbursement under this subsection.

6 (3) The department shall pay aid under this section by no later than
7 November 15 of each school year.

8 (4) The department may promulgate rules to implement and administer this
9 section.

10 **SECTION 97.** 115.455 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **115.455 (title) ~~Grant~~ Grants for information technology education.**

12 **SECTION 98.** 115.455 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 115.455 (1) (a)
13 (intro.) and amended to read:

14 115.455 (1) (a) (intro.) The department shall develop a competitive ~~request-~~
15 ~~for proposal process for the grant program to award of a grant to an entity grants to~~
16 one or more entities to provide information technology education and certification
17 opportunities to ~~public~~ any of the following:

18 1. Public school pupils in grades 6 to 12, ~~technical.~~

19 2. Technical college district students, ~~and patrons.~~

20 3. Patrons of public libraries.

21 **SECTION 99.** 115.455 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 115.455 (1) (b) The department shall accept applications from entities
23 ~~responding to the request for proposal that apply for grants~~ under par. (a) and ~~shall~~

1 may, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (eb), award a grant only to ~~an entity~~
2 entities that, subject to sub. (3), ~~satisfies~~ satisfy the requirements under sub. (2).

3 **SECTION 100.** 115.455 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.455 (2) (intro.) To be eligible for a grant under this section, ~~the~~ an entity
5 shall demonstrate that it has successfully offered an information technology
6 instructional program in schools in this state and shall develop an instructional
7 program that includes ~~all~~ at least one of the following components, and shall ~~ensure~~
8 maximize the number of sites at which that the instructional program will be
9 operated in ~~225 sites, including 16 public libraries~~:

10 **SECTION 101.** 115.455 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 115.455 (3) In awarding ~~the grant~~ grants under sub. (1), the department shall
12 give preference to ~~an entity that demonstrates that it has~~ entities that demonstrate
13 they have successfully provided high-quality information technology instructional
14 programming and educational opportunities to pupils enrolled in or attending
15 schools in this state and will develop an instructional program that includes
16 multiple components under sub. (2) (a) to (h).

17 **SECTION 102.** 115.745 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 115.745 (1) A school board, an operator of a charter school established under
19 s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), a cooperative educational service agency, or an agency
20 determined by the state superintendent to be eligible for designation under 42 USC
21 9836 as a head start agency, in conjunction with a tribal education authority, may
22 apply to the department for a grant for the purpose of supporting innovative,
23 effective instruction in one or more American Indian languages.

24 **SECTION 103.** 115.77 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 115.77 (1) In sub. (1m) (a) to (d), except as provided in s. 118.51 (12) ~~(b)~~, if a
2 child with a disability is attending a public school in a nonresident school district
3 under s. 118.50, 118.51, or 121.84 (1) (a) or (4), “local educational agency” means
4 the school district that the child is attending.

5 **SECTION 104.** 115.79 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 115.79 (1) (b) An educational placement is provided to implement a child’s
7 individualized education program. Except as provided in s. 118.51 (12) ~~(b)~~, if a child
8 with a disability is attending a public school in a nonresident school district under
9 s. 118.50, 118.51, or 121.84 (1) (a) or (4), the school board of the school district that
10 the child is attending shall provide an educational placement for the child and shall
11 pay tuition charges instead of the school district in which the child resides if
12 required by the placement.

13 **SECTION 105.** 115.7915 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 115.7915 (1) (ah).

14 **SECTION 106.** 115.7915 (1) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

15 115.7915 (1) (ad) “Accrediting entity” has the meaning given in s. 118.60 (1)
16 (ab).

17 **SECTION 107.** 115.7915 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

18 115.7915 (1) (am) “Program cap” means the total number of children who
19 attended eligible schools under the scholarship program under this section in the
20 2025-26 school year.

21 **SECTION 108.** 115.7915 (1) (ap) of the statutes is created to read:

22 115.7915 (1) (ap) “Preaccreditation” has the meaning given in s. 118.60 (1) (c).

23 **SECTION 109.** 115.7915 (1) (at) of the statutes is created to read:

1 115.7915 (1) (at) “Preaccrediting entity” has the meaning given in s. 118.60
2 (1) (cm).

3 **SECTION 110.** 115.7915 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.7915 (2) SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS. (intro.) Beginning in the 2016-17
5 school year, the department shall, subject to sub. (2m), provide to a child with a
6 disability a scholarship under sub. (4m) (a) to attend an eligible school if all of the
7 following apply:

8 **SECTION 111.** 115.7915 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 115.7915 (2) (b) The governing body of the eligible school notified the
10 department of its intent to participate in the program under this section, as
11 provided under sub. (3) (a).

12 **SECTION 112.** 115.7915 (2) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

13 115.7915 (2) (c) (intro.) Any of the following applies to the eligible school:

14 **SECTION 113.** 115.7915 (2) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 115.7915 (2) (c) 3.

15 a. and amended to read:

16 115.7915 (2) (c) 3. a. The For the 2025-26 school year, the eligible school has
17 ~~been either~~ is approved as a private school by the state superintendent under s.
18 118.165 (2) or is accredited by ~~Cognia, Inc., Wisconsin Religious and Independent~~
19 ~~Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States,~~
20 ~~Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, Wisconsin~~
21 ~~Association of Christian Schools, National Lutheran School Accreditation,~~
22 ~~Christian Schools International, Association of Christian Schools International,~~
23 ~~the diocese or archdiocese within which the eligible school is located, or any other~~

1 ~~organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation, as~~
2 ~~of the an accrediting entity on August 1 preceding the school term for which the~~
3 ~~scholarship is awarded, 2025.~~

4 **SECTION 114.** 115.7915 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

5 115.7915 **(2)** (c) 1. The eligible school participates in a parental choice
6 program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 for the school year for which the scholarship is
7 awarded.

8 **SECTION 115.** 115.7915 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

9 115.7915 **(2)** (c) 2. The eligible school is accredited by an accrediting entity by
10 August 1 of the school year for which the scholarship is awarded.

11 **SECTION 116.** 115.7915 (2) (c) 3. (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

12 115.7915 **(2)** (c) 3. (intro.) If the eligible school participates in the program
13 under this section in the 2025-26 school year, all of the following apply to the
14 eligible school:

15 **SECTION 117.** 115.7915 (2) (c) 3. b., c. and d. of the statutes are created to
16 read:

17 115.7915 **(2)** (c) 3. b. If the eligible school is not accredited as provided under
18 subd. 3. a., the eligible school obtains preaccreditation by a preaccrediting entity by
19 August 1, 2026. The eligible school may apply for and seek to obtain
20 preaccreditation from only one preaccrediting entity. If the eligible school fails to
21 obtain preaccreditation as required under this subd. 3. b., the eligible school may
22 not participate in the program under this section in the 2026-27 school year or in

1 any school year thereafter until the eligible school obtains accreditation as provided
2 under subd. 2.

3 c. If subd. 3. b. applies to the eligible school, the eligible school applies for
4 accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31, 2026, and obtains
5 accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31, 2029.

6 d. This subd. 3. does not apply after the 2029-30 school year.

7 **SECTION 118.** 115.7915 (2) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 115.7915 (2) (f) The child's parent or guardian on behalf of the child, or, for a
9 child with a disability who has reached the age of 18 and has not been adjudicated
10 incompetent, the child, submitted an application for a scholarship under this
11 section, as provided under sub. (3) (am), and on a form prepared by the department
12 that includes the document developed by the department under sub. (4) to the
13 eligible school that the child will attend. ~~A child's parent or guardian or a child~~
14 ~~with a disability who has reached the age of 18 may apply for a scholarship at any~~
15 ~~time during a school year and, subject to sub. (3) (b), a child may begin attending an~~
16 ~~eligible school under this section at any time during the school year.~~

17 **SECTION 119.** 115.7915 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 115.7915 (2) (g) The Subject to sub. (3) (d), the eligible school, or the
19 department on behalf of the eligible school, has accepted the child's application to
20 attend the eligible school under a scholarship awarded under this section.

21 **SECTION 120.** 115.7915 (2) (i) of the statutes is created to read:

22 115.7915 (2) (i) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., beginning on July 1, 2028,

1 all of the eligible school's teachers have a teaching license or permit issued by the
2 department.

3 2. a. A teacher employed by the eligible school on July 1, 2028, who has been
4 teaching for at least the 5 consecutive years immediately preceding July 1, 2028,
5 and who does not satisfy the requirements under subd. 1. on July 1, 2028, may
6 apply to the department on a form prepared by the department for a temporary,
7 nonrenewable waiver from the requirements under subd. 1. The department shall
8 promulgate rules to implement this subd. 2. a., including the form of the application
9 and the process by which the waiver application will be reviewed. The application
10 form shall require the applicant to submit a plan for satisfying the requirements
11 under subd. 1. No waiver granted under this subd. 2. a. is valid after July 1, 2033.

12 b. A teacher employed by the eligible school who teaches only courses in
13 rabbinical studies is not required to hold a license or permit to teach issued by the
14 department.

15 **SECTION 121.** 115.7915 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

16 115.7915 **(2m)** PROGRAM CAP. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, the
17 total number of children who may attend eligible schools under the scholarship
18 program under this section during a school year may not exceed the program cap.

19 **SECTION 122.** 115.7915 (3) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 115.7915 **(3)** (title) PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS; ~~SELECTION OF PUPILS~~
21 APPLICATION PROCESS; WAITING LIST.

22 **SECTION 123.** 115.7915 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 115.7915 **(3)** (a) The governing body of an eligible school that intends to

1 participate in the program under this section shall notify the department of its
2 intent by January 10 of the previous school year. The governing body of the eligible
3 school shall include in the notice under this paragraph the number of spaces the
4 eligible school has available for children receiving a scholarship under this section.

5 **SECTION 124.** 115.7915 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

6 115.7915 (3) (am) The governing body of an eligible school that has submitted
7 a notice of intent to participate under par. (a) may accept applications for
8 scholarships under sub. (2) (f) for the following school year between the first
9 weekday in February and the 3rd Thursday in April.

10 **SECTION 125.** 115.7915 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 126.** 115.7915 (3) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 115.7915 (3) (bm) Upon receipt of an application for a scholarship under ~~sub.~~
13 ~~(2) (f)~~ par. (am), the governing body of the eligible school shall determine whether
14 the application satisfies the requirements under sub. (2), other than the
15 requirement under sub. (2) (d), and shall request verification from the local
16 education agency that developed the child's individualized education program or
17 services plan that the child has an individualized education program or services
18 plan in place that meets the requirement in sub. (2) (d). The governing body of the
19 eligible school shall also notify the child's resident school board that, pending
20 verification that the requirements of sub. (2) have been satisfied and subject to par.
21 (d), the child will be awarded a scholarship under this section. The local education
22 agency shall, within 5 business days of receiving a request under this paragraph,

1 provide the governing body of the eligible school with a copy of the child's
2 individualized education program or services plan.

3 **SECTION 127.** 115.7915 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.7915 (3) (c) ~~The~~ By the first weekday in May immediately following the
5 application period under par. (am), the governing body of ~~a private~~ an eligible
6 school ~~participating in the program under this section~~ that received applications for
7 scholarships under par. (am) shall ~~notify~~ report to the department when it verifies
8 that a child has the names of children who applied under par. (am) to attend the
9 eligible school for whom the governing body has verified that an individualized
10 education program or services plan is in effect and ~~accepts the child's application to~~
11 ~~attend the private school under a scholarship awarded under this section~~ the names
12 of those applicants who have siblings who are already attending the eligible school.

13 **SECTION 128.** 115.7915 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

14 115.7915 (3) (d) After the end of the application period described under par.
15 (am), upon receipt of the information under par. (c), the department shall determine
16 the sum of all applicants for scholarships under this section. In determining the
17 sum, the department shall count a child who has applied for more than one
18 scholarship under this section only once. If the sum of all applicants exceeds the
19 program cap, the department shall determine which applications to accept on a
20 random basis, subject to the number of available spaces each eligible school
21 specified in its notice under par. (a), except that the department shall give
22 preference to the following in accepting applications for each eligible school, in the
23 order of preference listed:

1 1. Children who attended a different eligible school under a scholarship under
2 this section during the previous school year.

3 2. Siblings of pupils who are already attending the eligible school.

4 **SECTION 129.** 115.7915 (3) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

5 115.7915 (3) (e) No later than 60 days after the end of the application period
6 described under par. (am), the department shall notify each applicant and each
7 eligible school, in writing, whether the application submitted to the eligible school
8 has been accepted.

9 **SECTION 130.** 115.7915 (3) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

10 115.7915 (3) (f) If the sum under par. (d) exceeds the program cap, the
11 department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences
12 required under par. (d).

13 **SECTION 131.** 115.7915 (3) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

14 115.7915 (3) (g) The governing body of an eligible school that has accepted a
15 child under par. (d) shall notify the department whenever the governing body
16 determines that the child will not attend the eligible school under a scholarship
17 under this section. If, upon receiving notice under this paragraph, the department
18 determines that the number of children attending eligible schools under
19 scholarships under this section falls below the program cap, the department shall
20 fill any available slot with a child selected from the waiting list established under
21 par. (f), if such a waiting list exists.

22 **SECTION 132.** 115.7915 (4c) of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 133.** 115.7915 (4m) (a) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

1 115.7915 (4m) (a) 2. a. In the 2017-18 school year, the 2025-26 school year,
2 and each school year thereafter, the sum of the scholarship amount under this
3 paragraph for the previous school year; the amount of the per pupil revenue limit
4 adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and the
5 change in the amount of statewide categorical aid per pupil between the previous
6 school year and the current school year, as determined under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if
7 positive.

8 **SECTION 134.** 115.7915 (4m) (a) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 115.7915 (4m) (a) 2. b. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year and ~~subject to~~
10 ~~subd. 3.~~ ending in the 2024-25 school year, the sum of the scholarship amount under
11 this subdivision for the previous school year; the amount of the per pupil revenue
12 limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; the
13 change in the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), between the previous
14 school year and current school year, if positive; the change in the amount of
15 statewide categorical aid per pupil between the previous school year and the
16 current school year, as determined under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if positive; and in the
17 2023-24 school year, 14.5 percent of the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1),
18 for that school year, or the amount under s. 115.7915 (4m) (a) 3., 2023 stats., if
19 applicable.

20 **SECTION 135.** 115.7915 (4m) (a) 2. c. of the statutes is created to read:

21 115.7915 (4m) (a) 2. c. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, the sum of the
22 scholarship amount under this subdivision for the previous school year; the amount
23 of the per pupil revenue limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current

1 school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s. 115.437 (2)

2 (a) 1.between the previous school year and the current school year, if positive.

3 **SECTION 136.** 115.7915 (4m) (a) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 137.** 115.7915 (4m) (cm) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 138.** 115.7915 (4m) (f) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

6 115.7915 (~~4m~~) (f) 1. a. Determine the ~~sum of the amount paid for each child~~
7 number of children residing in the school district for whom a payment is made
8 under par. (a) in that school year.

9 **SECTION 139.** 115.7915 (4m) (f) 1. bm. of the statutes is created to read:

10 115.7915 (~~4m~~) (f) 1. bm. Multiply the number of children under subd. 1. a. by
11 the per pupil amount calculated under par. (a) for that school year.

12 **SECTION 140.** 115.7915 (4m) (f) 1. e. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 115.7915 (~~4m~~) (f) 1. e. Sum the amounts calculated under subd. 1. ~~a.~~, bm., d.,
14 and dh.

15 **SECTION 141.** 115.7915 (6) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

16 115.7915 (~~6~~) (L) Allow a child attending the private school under this section
17 to refrain from participating in any religious activity if the child's parent submits to
18 the child's teacher or the private school's principal a written request that the child
19 be exempt from such activities.

20 **SECTION 142.** 115.881 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 115.881 (~~2~~) ~~For~~ In the 2025-26 school year and each school year thereafter, for
22 each child whose costs exceeded \$30,000 under sub. (1), the department shall, from
23 the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bd), pay an eligible applicant in the current

1 school year 40 percent of an amount equal to 0.90 multiplied by that portion of the
2 cost under sub. (1) that exceeded \$30,000.

3 **SECTION 143.** 115.881 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 144.** 115.882 of the statutes is amended to read:

5 **115.882 Payment of state aid; reimbursement rate.** ~~Funds appropriated~~
6 ~~under s. 20.255 (2) (b) shall be used first for the purpose of s. 115.88 (4). Costs In~~
7 the 2025-26 school year and in each school year thereafter, costs eligible for
8 reimbursement from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (b) under ss. 115.88 (1m)
9 to (3), (6), and (8), 115.93, and 118.255 (4) shall be reimbursed at ~~a rate set to~~
10 ~~distribute the full amount appropriated for reimbursement for the costs, not to~~
11 ~~exceed 100 percent~~ 60 percent of eligible costs.

12 **SECTION 145.** 115.887 of the statutes is created to read:

13 **115.887 Early childhood special education; coaches.** (1) In this section,
14 “child find” means the process of identifying, locating, and evaluating children with
15 disabilities who may need special education or related services.

16 (2) The department shall contract with cooperative educational service
17 agencies to employ regional child care collaboration coaches to promote child find to
18 child care providers and provide training, technical assistance, and consultation to,
19 and facilitate collaboration between, child care providers, operators of charter
20 schools authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), and school boards for the purpose of
21 providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.

22 **SECTION 146.** 115.993 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 **115.993 (title) ~~Report~~ Reports on bilingual-bicultural education and**
24 **pupil counts.**

1 **SECTION 147.** 115.993 of the statutes is renumbered 115.993 (1).

2 **SECTION 148.** 115.993 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

3 115.993 (2) Annually, on or before August 15, a school board and the operator
4 of a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) shall report to the state
5 superintendent the number of limited-English proficient pupils enrolled in the
6 school district or attending the charter school in the previous school year and the
7 classification of those pupils by language group.

8 **SECTION 149.** 115.995 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **115.995 State aids.** (intro.) Upon receipt of the report under s. 115.993 (1),
10 if the state superintendent is satisfied that the bilingual-bicultural education
11 program for the previous school year was maintained in accordance with this
12 subchapter, the state superintendent shall do all of the following:

13 **SECTION 150.** 115.995 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 115.995 (1) From the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cc), divide
15 proportionally, based upon costs reported under s. 115.993 (1), an annual payment
16 of \$250,000 among school districts whose enrollments in the previous school year
17 were at least 15 percent limited-English proficient pupils. Aid paid under this
18 subsection does not reduce aid paid under sub. (2).

19 **SECTION 151.** 115.9955 of the statutes is created to read:

20 **115.9955 Aid for English language acquisition.** (1) Beginning in the
21 2025-26 school year and annually thereafter, from the appropriation under s.
22 20.255 (2) (ce), the department shall pay each school district and each operator of a
23 charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r) and (2x) \$500 per limited-English

1 proficient pupil enrolled in the school district or attending the charter school in the
2 previous school year, based on the report under s. 115.993 (2).

3 (2) Receipt of aid under s. 115.995 does not preclude receipt of aid under this
4 section.

5 **SECTION 152.** 118.07 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 118.07 (1) (a) and
6 amended to read:

7 118.07 (1) (a) Every school board, every operator of a charter school, and the
8 governing body of every private school shall provide a standard first aid kit for use
9 in cases of emergency.

10 **SECTION 153.** 118.07 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

11 118.07 (1) (b) Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, each school board,
12 operator of a charter school, and governing body of a private school participating in
13 a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 shall ensure that each public school,
14 charter school, and private school has on site an adequate, usable supply of an
15 opioid antagonist, as defined in s. 450.01 (13v). A supply of an opioid antagonist
16 provided under this paragraph shall be in a location that is easily accessible at all
17 times.

18 **SECTION 154.** 118.07 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

19 118.07 (6) (a) In this subsection, “cardiac emergency response plan” means a
20 written document that establishes specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest
21 in a specific setting.

22 (b) Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, each school board, operator of a
23 charter school, and governing body of a private school participating in a program
24 under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 shall have in effect a cardiac emergency

1 response plan for cardiac emergencies that occur on school property and a cardiac
2 emergency response plan for cardiac emergencies that occur at a school-sponsored
3 athletic practice or event. The school board, operator of a charter school, or
4 governing body of a private school shall include in each cardiac emergency response
5 plan at least all of the following:

6 1. A cardiac emergency response team.

7 2. Information on how the cardiac emergency response team is activated in
8 response to a sudden cardiac arrest.

9 3. Requirements for automated external defibrillator placement, including
10 that each automated external defibrillator is retrievable within 3 minutes and that
11 the placement complies with American Heart Association guidelines, and routine
12 maintenance.

13 4. Information on how the cardiac emergency response plan is shared at the
14 school and within the school community.

15 5. Requirements for ongoing training in first aid, cardiopulmonary
16 resuscitation, and automated external defibrillator use for certain school personnel,
17 including coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers, and a requirement that at
18 least 3 individuals participate in the training under this subdivision.

19 6. A requirement to practice the cardiac emergency response plan using drills.

20 7. Information on cooperating with local emergency medical services.

21 8. A requirement to review and evaluate the cardiac emergency response plan
22 at least annually and after each time the cardiac emergency response plan is
23 activated in response to a cardiac emergency.

1 **SECTION 155.** 118.075 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 118.075 (3) INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN SCHOOLS MODEL
3 MANAGEMENT PLAN. By the first day of the 12th month beginning after the month
4 in which the task force submits its report under sub. (2) (f), the department shall
5 establish a model management plan and practices for maintaining indoor
6 environmental quality in public and private schools. In developing the plan and
7 practices, the department shall consider the recommendations of the task force. By
8 July 1, 2026, the department shall include in the model management plan and
9 practices for maintaining indoor environmental quality a requirement that public
10 and private schools shall install and maintain a carbon monoxide detector, as
11 defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room of a school that contains a fuel-burning,
12 forced-air furnace or a boiler, or as otherwise required by the department of safety
13 and professional services or a person certified under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r).

14 **SECTION 156.** 118.075 (4) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 118.075 (4) (title) ~~SCHOOL-DISTRICT~~ PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS.

16 **SECTION 157.** 118.075 (4) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 118.075 (4) (a) 1.
17 and amended to read:

18 118.075 (4) (a) 1. By the first day of the 3rd month beginning after the month
19 in which the department establishes the model management plan and practices
20 under sub. (3), each school board shall provide for the development of a plan for
21 maintaining indoor environmental quality in its schools. Beginning on October 1,
22 2026, each school board shall include in the school board's plan under this
23 subdivision a requirement to provide and maintain a carbon monoxide detector, as
24 defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room of a school that contains a fuel-burning,

1 forced-air furnace or a boiler, and as otherwise required by the department of safety
2 and professional services or a person certified under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r).

3 **SECTION 158.** 118.075 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.075 (4) (a) 2. Beginning on October 1, 2026, each operator of a charter
5 school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) shall provide for the development of a
6 plan for maintaining indoor environmental quality in its charter school. An
7 operator of a charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) shall include in
8 the plan under this subdivision a requirement to provide and maintain a carbon
9 monoxide detector, as defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room of the charter
10 school that contains a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace or a boiler, and as otherwise
11 required by the department of safety and professional services or a person certified
12 under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r).

13 **SECTION 159.** 118.075 (4) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 118.075 (4) (b) 1.
14 and amended to read:

15 118.075 (4) (b) 1. By the first day of the 12th month beginning after the month
16 in which the department establishes the model management plan and practices
17 under sub. (3), each school board shall implement a plan for maintaining indoor
18 environmental quality in its schools. By July 1, 2027, each school board shall
19 provide a carbon monoxide detector, as defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room
20 of a school that contains a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace or a boiler, and as
21 otherwise required by the department of safety and professional services or a
22 person certified under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r) and reasonably maintain every
23 carbon monoxide detector in its schools in the manner specified in the instructions
24 for the carbon monoxide detector.

1 **SECTION 160.** 118.075 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

2 118.075 (4) (b) 2. By July 1, 2027, each operator of a charter school authorized
3 under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) shall provide a carbon monoxide detector, as defined in
4 s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room of the charter school that contains a fuel-burning,
5 forced-air furnace or a boiler, and as otherwise required by the department of safety
6 and professional services or a person certified under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r) and
7 reasonably maintain every carbon monoxide detector in the charter school in the
8 manner specified in the instructions for the carbon monoxide detector.

9 **SECTION 161.** 118.075 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 118.075 (4) (c) Each school board and operator of a charter school authorized
11 under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x) shall provide a copy of the plan implemented under par.
12 (b) to any person upon request.

13 **SECTION 162.** 118.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 118.19 (1) Except as provided in subs. (1b) and (1c) and s. 118.40 (8) (b) 1. and
15 2., any person seeking to teach in a public school, including a charter school, ~~or~~ in a
16 school or institution operated by a county or the state, in a private school
17 participating in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23, or in a private
18 school participating in the program under s. 115.7915 shall first procure a license
19 or permit from the department.

20 **SECTION 163.** 118.19 (1b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 118.19 (1b) An individual may teach an online course in a subject and level in
22 a public school, including a charter school, in a private school participating in a
23 parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23, or in a private school
24 participating in the program under s. 115.7915 without a license or permit from the

1 department if the individual holds a valid license or permit to teach the subject and
2 level in the state from which the online course is provided.

3 **SECTION 164.** 118.19 (1c) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.19 (1c) (b) (intro.) A faculty member of an institution of higher education
5 may teach in a public high school, including a charter school that operates only high
6 school grades, in a private school participating in a parental choice program under
7 s. 118.60 or 119.23 that operates only high school grades, or in a private school
8 participating in the program under s. 115.7915 that operates only high school
9 grades without a license or permit from the department if the faculty member
10 satisfies all of the following:

11 **SECTION 165.** 118.19 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 118.19 (3) (a) No license to teach in any ~~public~~ school may be issued unless the
13 applicant possesses a bachelor's degree including such professional training as the
14 department by rule requires, except as permitted under par. (b) and ss. 115.28 (17)
15 (a), 118.191, 118.1915, 118.192, 118.193, 118.194, ~~and~~ 118.197, and 118.198.
16 Notwithstanding s. 36.11 (16), no teacher preparatory program in this state may be
17 approved by the state superintendent under s. 115.28 (7) (a), unless each student in
18 the program is required to complete student teaching consisting of full days for a
19 full semester following the daily schedule and semester calendar of the cooperating
20 school or the equivalent, as determined by the state superintendent. No license to
21 teach in any ~~public~~ school may be granted to an applicant who completed a
22 professional training program outside this state unless the applicant completed
23 student teaching consisting of full days for a full semester following the daily

1 schedule and semester calendar of the cooperating school or the equivalent, as
2 determined by the state superintendent. The state superintendent may grant
3 exceptions to the student teaching requirements under this paragraph when the
4 midyear calendars of the institution offering the teacher preparatory program and
5 the cooperating school differ from each other and would prevent students from
6 attending classes at the institution in accordance with the institution's calendar.
7 The state superintendent shall promulgate rules to implement this subsection. If
8 for the purpose of granting a license to teach or for approving a teacher preparatory
9 program the state superintendent requires that an institution of higher education
10 be accredited, the state superintendent shall accept accreditation by a regional or
11 national institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. department of
12 education or by a programmatic accrediting organization.

13 **SECTION 166.** 118.19 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 118.19 (3) (b) The state superintendent shall permanently certify any
15 applicant to teach Wisconsin native American languages and culture who has
16 successfully completed the university of Wisconsin-Milwaukee school of education
17 approved Wisconsin native American languages and culture project certification
18 program at any time between January 1, 1974, and December 31, 1977. ~~School~~
19 ~~districts shall~~ A school district, the governing body of a private school participating
20 in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23, or the governing body of a
21 private school participating in the program under s. 115.7915 may not assign
22 individuals certified under this paragraph to teach courses other than Wisconsin
23 native American languages and culture, unless they qualify under par. (a).

1 **SECTION 167.** 118.19 (10) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 118.19 (10) (b) 1. Conduct a background investigation of each applicant for
3 issuance or renewal of a license or permit, including a license or permit issued to a
4 pupil services professional, and for a faculty member seeking to teach in a ~~public~~
5 high school without a license or permit.

6 **SECTION 168.** 118.191 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 118.191 (2) (a) Notwithstanding s. 118.19 (7) to (9), the department shall
8 grant an initial teaching license to teach a technical education subject to an
9 individual who is eligible for licensure under s. 118.19 (4) and (10), who scores at
10 least 100 points on the point system under sub. (5), of which at least 25 points are
11 from sub. (5) (a) 1. and at least 25 points are from sub. (5) (a) 2., and who agrees to
12 complete during the term of the license a curriculum determined by the school
13 board of the school district, by the governing body of the private school participating
14 in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23, or by the governing body of
15 the private school participating in the program under s. 115.7915 in which the
16 individual will teach.

17 **SECTION 169.** 118.191 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 118.191 (2) (b) Notwithstanding s. 118.19 (7) to (9), the department shall
19 grant an initial teaching license to teach a vocational education subject to an
20 individual who is eligible for licensure under s. 118.19 (4) and (10), who scores at
21 least 100 points on the point system under sub. (5m), of which at least 25 points are
22 from sub. (5m) (a) 1. and at least 25 points are from sub. (5m) (a) 2., and who agrees
23 to complete during the term of the license a curriculum determined by the school

1 board of the school district, by the governing body of the private school participating
2 in a parental choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23, or by the governing body of
3 the private school participating in the program under s. 115.7915 in which the
4 individual will teach.

5 **SECTION 170.** 118.191 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 118.191 (2m) An initial teaching license issued under sub. (2) authorizes an
7 individual to teach only in the school district controlled by the school board, or in
8 the private school controlled by the governing body, that determined the curriculum
9 the individual agreed to complete in order to qualify for the initial teaching license.

10 **SECTION 171.** 118.191 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 118.191 (3) An initial teaching license issued under sub. (2) is valid for 3
12 years. An initial teaching license issued under sub. (2) is void if the license holder
13 ceases to be employed as a teacher in the school district or private school in which
14 the license holder is authorized to teach under sub. (2m).

15 **SECTION 172.** 118.191 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 118.191 (4) Upon the expiration of the 3-year term of an initial teaching
17 license issued under sub. (2), the department shall issue to the license holder a
18 professional teaching license to teach the technical education subject or vocational
19 education subject if the individual successfully completed the curriculum that the
20 individual agreed to under sub. (2), as determined by the school board of the school
21 district, by the governing body of the private school participating in a parental
22 choice program under s. 118.60 or 119.23, or by the governing body of the private
23 school participating in the program under s. 115.7915 that established the

1 curriculum. The department shall indicate on a professional teaching license
2 issued under this subsection that the license was obtained under the experience-
3 based licensure program under this section.

4 **SECTION 173.** 118.192 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 118.192 (4) A school board or private school participating in a parental choice
6 program under s. 118.60 or 119.23 that employs a person who holds a professional
7 teaching permit shall ensure that no regularly licensed teacher is removed from his
8 or her position as a result of the employment of persons holding permits.

9 **SECTION 174.** 118.198 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **118.198 Initial license to teach; teacher apprenticeship.** (1) The
11 department shall grant an initial license to teach to an individual who is eligible for
12 licensure under s. 118.19 (4) and (10) and who satisfies all of the following:

13 (a) The individual possesses a bachelor's degree.

14 (b) The individual successfully completed a teacher apprenticeship under s.
15 106.023.

16 (c) If the initial teaching license authorizes the holder to teach in grades
17 kindergarten to 5 or in special education, an initial license as a reading teacher, or
18 an initial license as a reading specialist, the individual satisfies the requirement
19 under s. 118.19 (14).

20 **(2)** A license under sub. (1) authorizes an individual to teach the subject and
21 educational levels for which the individual has successfully completed a teacher
22 apprenticeship. The department shall treat an initial license to teach granted
23 under sub. (1) in the same manner the state superintendent treats an initial license
24 to teach granted in accordance with s. 118.19.

1 **SECTION 175.** 118.33 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **118.33 (title) High school graduation standards and ceremonies;**
3 **criteria for promotion.**

4 **SECTION 176.** 118.33 (5c) of the statutes is created to read:

5 118.33 **(5c)** No school board, operator of a charter school, or governing body of
6 a private school participating in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23
7 may prohibit a pupil from participating in a high school graduation ceremony
8 because the pupil or the pupil's family has failed to pay an amount owed to the
9 school board, operator of the charter school, or governing body of the private school.

10 **SECTION 177.** 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. m. of the statutes is created to read:

11 118.40 **(2r)** (b) 2. m. A requirement that the charter school governing board
12 provide period products to any pupil who needs them while at school, at no charge to
13 the pupil.

14 **SECTION 178.** 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. n. of the statutes is created to read:

15 118.40 **(2r)** (b) 2. n. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that
16 includes a grade from 9 to 12, a requirement that the charter school make available
17 to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course that includes
18 concepts in computer programming or coding.

19 **SECTION 179.** 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 118.40 **(2r)** (e) 2p. (intro.) ~~In~~ Beginning in the 2015-16 school year and ~~in each~~
21 ending in the 2024-25 school year ~~thereafter~~, for a pupil attending a charter school
22 established by or under a contract with an entity under par. (b) 1., from the
23 appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (fm), the department shall pay to the operator of
24 the charter school an amount equal to the sum of the amount paid per pupil under

1 this paragraph in the previous school year; the amount of the per pupil revenue
2 limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; the
3 change in the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), between the previous
4 school year and current school year, if positive; the change in the amount of
5 statewide categorical aid per pupil between the previous school year and the
6 current school year, if positive; and in the 2023-24 school year, 15.7 percent of the
7 revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), for that school year. The change in the
8 statewide categorical aid per pupil shall be determined as follows:

9 **SECTION 180.** 118.40 (2r) (e) 2q. of the statutes is created to read:

10 118.40 (2r) (e) 2q. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year and in each school
11 year thereafter, from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (fm), for a pupil
12 attending a charter school established by or under a contract with an entity under
13 par. (b) 1., the department shall pay to the operator of the charter school an amount
14 equal to the sum of the amount paid per pupil under this paragraph in the previous
15 school year; the amount of the per pupil revenue limit adjustment under s. 121.91
16 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount
17 under s. 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous school year and the current school
18 year, if positive.

19 **SECTION 181.** 118.40 (2r) (g) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 118.40 (2r) (g) 1. b. Multiply the number of pupils under subd. 1. a. by the per
21 pupil amount calculated under par. (e) ~~2p.~~ 2q. for that school year.

22 **SECTION 182.** 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. m. of the statutes is created to read:

23 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. m. A requirement that the charter school governing board

1 provide period products to any pupil who needs them while at school, at no charge to
2 the pupil.

3 **SECTION 183.** 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. n. of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.40 (2x) (b) 2. n. If the contract is for the operation of a charter school that
5 includes a grade from 9 to 12, a requirement that the charter school make available
6 to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer science course that includes
7 concepts in computer programming or coding.

8 **SECTION 184.** 118.50 (2m) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 118.50 (2m) (a) 2. Beginning in the 2017-18 school year and ending in the
10 2024-25 school year, the sum of the per pupil amount under this paragraph for the
11 previous school year; the amount of the per pupil revenue limit adjustment under s.
12 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and the change in the amount of
13 statewide categorical aid per pupil between the previous school year and the
14 current school year, as determined under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if positive.

15 **SECTION 185.** 118.50 (2m) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

16 118.50 (2m) (a) 3. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, the sum of the per
17 pupil amount under this paragraph for the previous school year; the amount of the
18 per pupil revenue limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year,
19 if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s. 115.437 (2) (a) 1.
20 between the previous school year and the current school year, if positive.

21 **SECTION 186.** 118.51 (1) (aj) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 187.** 118.51 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 118.51 (9) APPEAL OF REJECTION. If the nonresident school board rejects an

1 application under sub. (3) (a) or (7), the resident school board prohibits a pupil from
2 attending public school in a nonresident school district under sub. (3m) (d) or the
3 nonresident school board prohibits a pupil from attending public school in the
4 nonresident school district under sub. (11), the pupil's parent may appeal the
5 decision to the department within 30 days after the decision. If the nonresident
6 school board provides notice that the special education or related service is not
7 available under sub. (12) ~~(b)~~, the pupil's parent may appeal the required transfer to
8 the department within 30 days after receipt of the notice. The department shall
9 affirm the school board's decision unless the department finds that the decision
10 was arbitrary or unreasonable.

11 **SECTION 188.** 118.51 (12) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 118.51 (12) (title) ~~NONRESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF~~
13 ~~EDUCATIONAL COSTS; SPECIAL~~ SPECIAL EDUCATION OR RELATED SERVICES.

14 **SECTION 189.** 118.51 (12) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 190.** 118.51 (12) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 118.51 (12).

16 **SECTION 191.** 118.51 (16) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 118.51 (16) (a) 1. For each school district, the number of nonresident pupils
18 attending public school in the school district under this section, other than pupils
19 for whom a payment is made under sub. (17) (a), or (c), ~~or (em)~~.

20 **SECTION 192.** 118.51 (16) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 118.51 (16) (a) 2. For each school district, the number of resident pupils
22 attending public school in a nonresident school district under this section, other
23 than pupils for whom a payment is made under sub. (17) (a), or (c), ~~or (em)~~.

1 **SECTION 193.** 118.51 (16) (a) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 118.51 **(16)** (a) 3. b. Beginning with the amount in the 2015-16 school year
3 and ending with the amount in the 2024-25 school year, except as provided in subd.
4 3. c., ~~in each school year thereafter~~, the sum of the amount determined under this
5 subdivision for the previous school year; the amount of the per pupil revenue limit
6 adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and the
7 change in the amount of statewide categorical aid per pupil between the previous
8 school year and the current school year, as determined under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if
9 positive.

10 **SECTION 194.** 118.51 (16) (a) 3. bm. of the statutes is created to read:

11 118.51 **(16)** (a) 3. bm. Beginning with the amount for the 2025-26 school year
12 and in each school year thereafter, the sum of the amount determined under this
13 subdivision for the previous school year; the amount of the per pupil revenue limit
14 adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and the
15 change in the per pupil amount under s. 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous
16 school year and the current school year, if positive.

17 **SECTION 195.** 118.51 (16) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 118.51 **(16)** (c) If a pupil attends public school in a nonresident school district
19 under this section for less than a full school term, the department shall prorate the
20 state aid adjustments under this subsection and sub. (17) (c) ~~and (em)~~ based on the
21 number of days that school is in session and the pupil attends public school in the
22 nonresident school district.

23 **SECTION 196.** 118.51 (16) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 118.51 (16) (d) The department shall ensure that the aid adjustments under
2 par. (b) and sub. (17) (c) ~~and (em)~~ do not affect the amount determined to be received
3 by a school district as state aid under s. 121.08 for any other purpose.

4 **SECTION 197.** 118.51 (17) (b) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 118.51 (17) (b) 2. b. In the 2017-18 school year, the 2025-26 school year, and
6 each school year thereafter, the per pupil transfer amount is the sum of the per
7 pupil transfer amount for the previous school year; the amount of the per pupil
8 revenue limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if
9 positive; and the change in the amount of statewide categorical aid per pupil
10 between the previous school year and the current school year, as determined under
11 s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if positive.

12 **SECTION 198.** 118.51 (17) (b) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 118.51 (17) (b) 2. c. Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, ~~and subject to subd.~~
14 ~~3.~~ and ending in the 2024-25 school year, the per pupil transfer amount is the sum
15 of the per pupil transfer amount for the previous school year; the amount of the per
16 pupil revenue limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if
17 positive; and the change in the amount of statewide categorical aid per pupil
18 between the previous school year and the current school year, as determined under
19 s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if positive, or the amount under s. 118.51 (17) (b) 3., 2023
20 stats., if applicable.

21 **SECTION 199.** 118.51 (17) (b) 2. cm. of the statutes is created to read:

22 118.51 (17) (b) 2. cm. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, the per pupil
23 transfer amount is the sum of the per pupil transfer amount for the previous school

1 year; the amount of the per pupil revenue limit adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for
2 the current school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s.
3 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous school year and the current school year, if
4 positive.

5 **SECTION 200.** 118.51 (17) (b) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 201.** 118.51 (17) (bm) of the statutes is repealed.

7 **SECTION 202.** 118.51 (17) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 118.51 (17) (c) 1. If Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, if the number
9 determined in par. (b) 1. a. is greater than the number determined in par. (b) 1. b.
10 for a school district, ~~in the 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years,~~ the
11 department shall increase that school district's state aid payment under s. 121.08
12 by an amount equal to the difference multiplied by ~~an~~ the amount under par. (b) 2.
13 ~~a., b., or c. for the applicable school year.~~

14 2. If Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, if the number determined in par.
15 (b) 1. a. is less than the number determined in par. (b) 1. b. for a school district, ~~in~~
16 ~~the 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years,~~ the department shall decrease that
17 school district's state aid payment under s. 121.08 by an amount equal to the
18 difference multiplied by ~~an~~ the amount under par. (b) 2. ~~a., b., or c. for the applicable~~
19 school year. If the state aid payment under s. 121.08 is insufficient to cover the
20 reduction, the department shall decrease other state aid payments made by the
21 department to the school district by the remaining amount. If the state aid
22 payment under s. 121.08 and other state aid payments made by the department to
23 the school district are insufficient to cover the reduction, the department shall use

1 the moneys appropriated under s. 20.255 (2) (cg) to pay the balance to school
2 districts under subd. 1.

3 **SECTION 203.** 118.51 (17) (cm) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 204.** 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) ~~and~~, (ar), and (bh), any pupil in
6 grades kindergarten to 12 who resides ~~within~~ in an eligible school district may
7 attend any private school under this section and, subject to pars. (ag), (ar), (be),
8 (bh), (bm), and (bs), any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides in a school
9 district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, may
10 attend any private school under this section if all of the following apply:

11 **SECTION 205.** 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 118.60 (2) (a) 2. g. If the pupil resides in a school district, other than ~~an~~
13 ~~eligible school district or a 1st class city school district~~, the pupil was on a waiting
14 list under sub. (3) (am) 4. or (ar) 4. in any previous school year.

15 **SECTION 206.** 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 118.60 (2) (a) 6. a. Except as provided in subd. 6. c. and d., all of the private
17 school's teachers have a teaching license issued by the department or a bachelor's
18 degree or a degree or educational credential higher than a bachelor's degree,
19 including a ~~masters~~ master's or doctorate, from a nationally or regionally
20 accredited institution of higher education. This subd. 6. a. does not apply after
21 June 30, 2028.

22 **SECTION 207.** 118.60 (2) (a) 6m. of the statutes is created to read:

23 118.60 (2) (a) 6m. a. Except as provided in subd. 6m. b., beginning on July 1,

1 2028, all of the private school's teachers have a teaching license or permit issued by
2 the department.

3 b. A teacher employed by the private school on July 1, 2028, who has been
4 teaching for at least the 5 consecutive years immediately preceding July 1, 2028,
5 and who does not satisfy the requirements under subd. 6m. a. on July 1, 2028, may
6 apply to the department on a form prepared by the department for a temporary,
7 nonrenewable waiver from the requirements under subd. 6m. a. The department
8 shall promulgate rules to implement this subd. 6m. b., including the form of the
9 application and the process by which the waiver application will be reviewed. The
10 application form shall require the applicant to submit a plan for satisfying the
11 requirements under subd. 6m. a. No waiver granted under this subd. 6m. b. is valid
12 after July 1, 2033.

13 **SECTION 208.** 118.60 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is created to read:

14 118.60 (2) (a) 10. If the private school operates any grade from 9 to 12, the
15 private school makes available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer
16 science course that includes concepts in computer programming or coding.

17 **SECTION 209.** 118.60 (2) (be) 1. a. of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 210.** 118.60 (2) (be) 1. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 118.60 (2) (be) 1. c. "Pupil participation limit" means a school district's
20 membership in the previous school year multiplied by ~~the applicable percentage for~~
21 ~~the current school year~~ 0.1.

22 **SECTION 211.** 118.60 (2) (be) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 118.60 (2) (be) 2. Except as provided in subd. 2m., ~~beginning with the 2015-16~~
24 ~~school year and ending with the 2025-26 school year~~, the total number of pupils

1 residing in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city
2 school district, who may attend a private school under this section during a school
3 year may not exceed the school district's pupil participation limit for that school
4 year.

5 **SECTION 212.** 118.60 (2) (be) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

6 **SECTION 213.** 118.60 (2) (bh) of the statutes is created to read:

7 118.60 (2) (bh) 1. In this paragraph, "program cap" means any of the
8 following:

9 a. For an eligible school district, the total number of pupils residing in the
10 eligible school district who attended a private school under this section in the 2025-
11 26 school year.

12 b. For all school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class
13 city school district, the total number of pupils residing in those school districts who
14 attended a private school under this section in the 2025-26 school year.

15 2. a. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, the total number of pupils
16 residing in an eligible school district who may attend a private school under this
17 section during a school year may not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. a.

18 b. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, the total number of pupils residing
19 in school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school
20 district, who may attend a private school under this section during a school year
21 may not exceed the program cap under subd. 1. b.

22 **SECTION 214.** 118.60 (2) (c) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

23 118.60 (2) (c) 3. Notwithstanding par. (a) 6m., a teacher employed by a private
24 school participating in the program under this section who teaches only courses in

1 rabbinical studies is not required to hold a license or permit to teach issued by the
2 department.

3 **SECTION 215.** 118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.60 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian shall submit
5 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating
6 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same
7 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single
8 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during
9 which an application is received and subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), the private
10 school shall notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has
11 been accepted. If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include
12 the reason. Subject to ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), a private school may reject an
13 applicant only if ~~it~~ the private school has reached its maximum general capacity or
14 seating capacity. Except as provided in ~~par.~~ pars. (am) and (ar), the state
15 superintendent shall ensure that the private school determines which pupils to
16 accept on a random basis, except that the private school may give preference to the
17 following in accepting applications, in the order of preference listed:

18 **SECTION 216.** 118.60 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

19 118.60 (3) (am) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private
20 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in an eligible school
21 district:

22 1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under
23 sub. (2) (a) 3. a. may accept applications for a school year during application periods

1 determined by the department from pupils who reside in an eligible school district.
2 For each school year, the department shall establish one or more application
3 periods under this subdivision, the first of which begins no earlier than the first
4 weekday in February of the school year before the applicable school year, and the
5 last of which ends no later than September 14 of the applicable school year.

6 2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to
7 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the
8 private school under this section and the names of those applicants who have
9 siblings who also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this
10 section. The private school shall submit the report no later than 10 days after each
11 application period described under subd. 1. during which the private school
12 received applications.

13 3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1., upon
14 receipt of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum
15 of all applicants for pupils residing in an eligible school district. In determining the
16 sum, the department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one
17 private school under the program under this section only once. If, after the end of
18 an application period described under subd. 1., the sum of all applicants for pupils
19 residing in an eligible school district exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2.
20 a., the department shall determine which applications submitted during the
21 application period to accept on a random basis, except that the department shall
22 give preference to the applications of pupils described in par. (a) 1m. to 5., in the
23 order of preference listed in that paragraph.

1 4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a.,
2 the department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences
3 required under subd. 3.

4 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in an eligible school
5 district under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private
6 school determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this
7 paragraph. If, upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department
8 determines that the number of pupils attending private schools under this section
9 falls below the program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a., the department shall fill any
10 available slot with a pupil selected from the waiting list established under subd. 4.,
11 if such a waiting list exists.

12 **SECTION 217.** 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 118.60 (3) (ar) (intro.) All of the following apply to applications to attend a
14 private school under this section ~~only if the limitation under sub. (2) (be) applies to~~
15 ~~the school year for which the application is made~~ submitted by pupils who reside in
16 a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school
17 district:

18 **SECTION 218.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 3.
19 (intro.) and amended to read:

20 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. (intro.) ~~Annually~~ After the end of the application period
21 described under subd. 1., upon receipt of the information under subd. 2., the
22 department shall, for each school district, determine the sum of all applicants for
23 pupils residing in that school district ~~under this paragraph~~ and the sum of all

1 applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other than an eligible school
2 district or a 1st class city school district. In determining ~~the sum~~ those sums, the
3 department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private
4 school under the program only once. After determining ~~the sum of all applicants for~~
5 ~~pupils residing in a school district,~~ those sums, if any of the following applies, the
6 department shall determine which applications to accept on a random basis, except
7 that the department shall give preference to the applications of pupils described in
8 par. (a) 1m. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that paragraph:

9 **SECTION 219.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:

10 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in a school
11 district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district,
12 exceeds the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be).

13 b. The sum of all applicants for pupils residing in all school districts, other
14 than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, exceeds the
15 program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. b.

16 **SECTION 220.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (3) (ar) 4.
17 (intro.) and amended to read:

18 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. (intro.) ~~For each school district in which private schools~~
19 ~~received applications under subd. 1. that exceeded the school district's pupil~~
20 ~~participation limit under sub. (2) (be), the~~ The department shall establish a waiting
21 list in accordance with the preferences required under subd. 3. for each of the
22 following:

23 **SECTION 221.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. and b. of the statutes are created to read:

1 118.60 (3) (ar) 4. a. A school district, other than an eligible school district or a
2 1st class city school district, for which the sum described under subd. 3. a. exceeds
3 the school district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be).

4 b. All school districts, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city
5 school district, if the sum described under subd. 3. b. exceeds the program cap
6 under sub. (2) (bh) 2. b.

7 **SECTION 222.** 118.60 (3) (ar) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 118.60 (3) (ar) 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in a
9 school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district,
10 under this paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school
11 determines that a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If,
12 upon receiving notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the
13 number of pupils attending private schools under this section falls below a school
14 district's pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be), or below the program cap
15 under sub. (2) (bh) 2. b., the department shall fill any available slot in that school
16 district or program with a pupil selected from the ~~school district's~~ applicable
17 waiting list established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list exists.

18 **SECTION 223.** 118.60 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 118.60 (3) (b) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides
20 ~~within~~ in an eligible school district because the private school has too few available
21 spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her application to a participating private
22 school that has space available. An applicant who is rejected under this paragraph
23 or an applicant who is on the waiting list under par. (am) 4. may, subject to sub. (2)

1 **(bh) 2. a.**, be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this
2 section for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside
3 ~~within~~ in an eligible school district. The department may not require, in that
4 following school year, the private school to submit financial information regarding
5 the applicant or to verify the eligibility of the applicant to participate in the
6 program under this section on the basis of family income.

7 **SECTION 224.** 118.60 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 118.60 (3) (c) If a participating private school rejects an applicant who resides
9 in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school
10 district, because the private school has too few available spaces, the applicant may
11 transfer his or her application to a participating private school that has space
12 available. An applicant who is rejected under this paragraph or an applicant who is
13 on ~~the~~ a waiting list under par. (ar) 4. a. or b. may, subject to sub. (2) (be) and (bh) 2.
14 b., be admitted to a private school participating in the program under this section
15 for the following school year, provided that the applicant continues to reside in a
16 school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district.
17 The department may not require, in that following school year, the private school to
18 submit financial information regarding the applicant or to verify the eligibility of
19 the applicant to participate in the program under this section on the basis of family
20 income.

21 **SECTION 225.** 118.60 (4) (bg) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

22 118.60 (4) (bg) 3. In the 2015-16 to 2024-25 school-year ~~and in each school~~
23 ~~year thereafter~~ years, upon receipt from the pupil's parent or guardian of proof of

1 the pupil's enrollment in the private school during a school term, except as provided
2 in subd. 5., the state superintendent shall pay to the private school in which the
3 pupil is enrolled on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, from the appropriation
4 under s. 20.255 (2) (fr), an amount equal to the sum of the maximum amount per
5 pupil the state superintendent paid a private school under this section in the
6 previous school year for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled; in the 2023-24
7 school year, if the pupil is enrolled in a grade from kindergarten to 8, 10 percent of
8 the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), for that school year; the amount of
9 the per pupil revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if
10 positive; 90 percent of the change in the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1),
11 between the previous school year and current school year, if positive, if the pupil is
12 enrolled in a grade from kindergarten to 8, or if the pupil is enrolled in a grade from
13 9 to 12, the change in the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), between the
14 previous school year and current school year, if positive; the change in the amount
15 of statewide categorical aid per pupil between the previous school year and the
16 current school year, as determined under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if positive; and in the
17 2023-24 school year, if the pupil is enrolled in a grade from 9 to 12, 26.8 percent of
18 the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), for that school year.

19 **SECTION 226.** 118.60 (4) (bg) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

20 118.60 (4) (bg) 6. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year and in each school year
21 thereafter, upon receipt from the pupil's parent or guardian of proof of the pupil's
22 enrollment in the private school during a school term, except as provided in subd.
23 7., the state superintendent shall pay to the private school in which the pupil is
24 enrolled on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, from the appropriation under s.

20.255 (2) (fr), an amount equal to the sum of the maximum amount per pupil the state superintendent paid a private school under this section in the previous school year for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled; the amount of the per pupil revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s. 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous school year and the current school year, if positive.

SECTION 227. 118.60 (4) (bg) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (4) (bg) 7. If the pupil described in subd. 6. is enrolled in a private school that enrolls pupils under the program in any grade between kindergarten to 8 and also in any grade between 9 to 12, the state superintendent shall substitute for the amount described in subd. 6. the amount determined under subd. 4. a. to d., with the following modifications:

a. Multiply the number of pupils participating in the program who are enrolled in the private school in any grade between kindergarten to 8 by the sum of the maximum amount per pupil the state superintendent paid a private school under this section in the previous school year for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled; the amount of the per pupil revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s. 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous school year and the current school year, if positive.

b. Multiply the number of pupils participating in the program who are enrolled in the private school in any grade between 9 to 12 by the sum of the maximum amount per pupil the state superintendent paid a private school under

1 this section in the previous school year for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled;
2 the amount of the per pupil revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the
3 current school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s.
4 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous school year and the current school year, if
5 positive.

6 **SECTION 228.** 118.60 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 118.60 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible
8 school district under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the
9 pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a
10 school district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that
11 the pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a
12 program cap under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

13 **SECTION 229.** 118.60 (4v) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

14 118.60 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private
15 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the
16 following as a resident of a school district, other than an eligible school district or a
17 1st class city school district, who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

18 1. The pupil was a resident of an eligible school district when the pupil
19 applied to participate in the program under this section.

20 2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program
21 under this section as a resident of an eligible school district.

22 3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than an eligible school district
23 or a 1st class city school district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

1 4. The private school the pupil is attending under this section accepts
2 applications under this section from pupils who reside in school districts, other
3 than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district.

4 **SECTION 230.** 118.60 (4v) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

5 118.60 (4v) (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school
6 district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, under
7 par. (c) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted
8 for that school year for purposes of determining whether the school district has
9 exceeded its pupil participation limit under sub. (2) (be) and that the pupil is not
10 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a program cap
11 under sub. (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

12 **SECTION 231.** 118.60 (7) (g) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 118.60 (7) (g) 1. By the first day of the 3rd month beginning after the month in
14 which the department establishes the model management plan and practices for
15 maintaining indoor environmental quality in public and private schools under s.
16 118.075 (3), or by October 1 of a private school's first school year of participation in
17 the program under this section, whichever is later, the private school shall provide
18 for the development of a plan for maintaining indoor environmental quality in the
19 private school. Beginning on October 1, 2026, each private school shall include in
20 the private school's plan under this subdivision a requirement to provide and
21 maintain a carbon monoxide detector, as defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room
22 of the private school that contains a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace or a boiler, and
23 as otherwise required by the department of safety and professional services or a
24 person certified under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r).

1 **SECTION 232.** 118.60 (7) (g) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 118.60 (7) (g) 2. By the first day of the 12th month beginning after the month
3 in which the department establishes the model management plan and practices for
4 maintaining indoor environmental quality in public and private schools under s.
5 118.075 (3), or by the beginning of the 2nd school year of participation in the
6 program under this section, whichever is later, the private school shall implement a
7 plan for maintaining indoor environmental quality in the private school. By July 1,
8 2027, or by the beginning of the 2nd school year of participation in the program
9 under this section, whichever is later, the private school shall provide a carbon
10 monoxide detector, as defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room of the private
11 school that contains a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace or a boiler, and as otherwise
12 required by the department of safety and professional services or a person certified
13 under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r) and reasonably maintain every carbon monoxide
14 detector in the private school in the manner specified in the instructions for the
15 carbon monoxide detector.

16 **SECTION 233.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),
18 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,
19 115.345, 115.355, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2),
20 115.415, 115.422, 115.445, 115.448, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07,
21 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12, 118.124, 118.125 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15,
22 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18, 118.19, 118.196, 118.20,
23 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10), 118.245, 118.25, 118.255,
24 118.258, 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.2935, 118.30 to 118.43, 118.46, 118.50,

1 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55, 118.56, 118.58, 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5), and (15) to
2 (27), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34), (35), (37),
3 (37m), and (38), 120.137, 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are applicable to a
4 1st class city school district and board but not, unless explicitly provided in this
5 chapter or in the terms of a contract, to the commissioner or to any school
6 transferred to an opportunity schools and partnership program.

7 **SECTION 234.** 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) Subject to pars. (ag) ~~and~~, (ar), and (b), any pupil in
9 grades kindergarten to 12 who resides within the city may attend any private
10 school if all of the following apply:

11 **SECTION 235.** 119.23 (2) (a) 6. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 119.23 (2) (a) 6. a. Except as provided in subd. 6. c., all of the private school's
13 teachers have a teaching license issued by the department or a bachelor's degree or
14 a degree or educational credential higher than a bachelor's degree, including a
15 ~~masters~~ master's or doctorate, from a nationally or regionally accredited institution
16 of higher education. This subd. 6. a. does not apply after June 30, 2028.

17 **SECTION 236.** 119.23 (2) (a) 6m. of the statutes is created to read:

18 119.23 (2) (a) 6m. a. Except as provided in subd. 6m. b., beginning on July 1,
19 2028, all of the private school's teachers have a teaching license or permit issued by
20 the department.

21 b. A teacher employed by the private school on July 1, 2028, who has been
22 teaching for at least the 5 consecutive years immediately preceding July 1, 2028,
23 and who does not satisfy the requirements under subd. 6m. a. on July 1, 2028, may
24 apply to the department on a form prepared by the department for a temporary,

1 nonrenewable waiver from the requirements under subd. 6m. a. The department
2 shall promulgate rules to implement this subd. 6m. b., including the form of the
3 application and the process by which the waiver application will be reviewed. The
4 application form shall require the applicant to submit a plan for satisfying the
5 requirements under subd. 6m. a. No waiver granted under this subd. 6m. b. is valid
6 after July 1, 2033.

7 **SECTION 237.** 119.23 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is created to read:

8 119.23 (2) (a) 10. If the private school operates any grade from 9 to 12, the
9 private school makes available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one computer
10 science course that includes concepts in computer programming or coding.

11 **SECTION 238.** 119.23 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

12 119.23 (2) (b) 1. In this paragraph, “program cap” means the total number of
13 pupils residing in the city who attended a private school under this section in the
14 2025-26 school year.

15 2. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, the total number of pupils residing
16 in the city who may attend a private school under this section during a school year
17 may not exceed the program cap.

18 **SECTION 239.** 119.23 (2) (c) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

19 119.23 (2) (c) 3. Notwithstanding par. (a) 6m., a teacher employed by a private
20 school participating in the program under this section who teaches only courses in
21 rabbinical studies is not required to hold a license or permit to teach issued by the
22 department.

23 **SECTION 240.** 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 119.23 (3) (a) (intro.) The pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian shall submit
2 an application, on a form provided by the state superintendent, to the participating
3 private school that the pupil wishes to attend. If more than one pupil from the same
4 family applies to attend the same private school, the pupils may use a single
5 application. No later than 60 days after the end of the application period during
6 which an application is received and subject to par. (ar), the private school shall
7 notify each applicant, in writing, whether his or her application has been accepted.
8 If the private school rejects an application, the notice shall include the reason. ~~A~~
9 Subject to par. (ar), a private school may reject an applicant only if ~~it~~ the private
10 school has reached its maximum general capacity or seating capacity. ~~The Except~~
11 as provided in par. (ar), the state superintendent shall ensure that the private
12 school determines which pupils to accept on a random basis, except that the private
13 school may give preference to the following in accepting applications, in order of
14 preference listed:

15 **SECTION 241.** 119.23 (3) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

16 119.23 (3) (ar) All of the following apply to applications to attend a private
17 school under this section submitted by pupils who reside in the city:

18 1. A private school that has submitted a notice of intent to participate under
19 sub. (2) (a) 3. may accept applications for a school year during application periods
20 determined by the department from pupils who reside in the city. For each school
21 year, the department shall establish one or more application periods under this
22 subdivision, the first of which begins no later than the first weekday in February of

1 the school year before the applicable school year, and the last of which ends no later
2 than September 14 of the applicable school year.

3 2. Each private school that received applications under subd. 1. shall report to
4 the department the number of pupils who applied under subd. 1. to attend the
5 private school under this section and the names of those applicants who have
6 siblings who also applied under subd. 1. to attend the private school under this
7 section. The private school shall submit the report no later than 10 days after each
8 application period described under subd. 1. during which the private school
9 received applications.

10 3. After the end of each application period described under subd. 1., upon
11 receipt of the information under subd. 2., the department shall determine the sum
12 of all applicants for pupils residing in the city. In determining the sum, the
13 department shall count a pupil who has applied to attend more than one private
14 school under the program under this section only once. If, after the end of an
15 application period described under subd. 1., the sum of all applicants for pupils
16 residing in the city exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (b), the department shall
17 determine which applications submitted during the application period to accept on
18 a random basis, except that the department shall give preference to the applications
19 of pupils described in par. (a) 1. to 5., in the order of preference listed in that
20 paragraph.

21 4. If the sum under subd. 3. exceeds the program cap under sub. (2) (b), the
22 department shall establish a waiting list in accordance with the preferences
23 required under subd. 3.

1 5. A private school that has accepted a pupil who resides in the city under this
2 paragraph shall notify the department whenever the private school determines
3 that a pupil will not attend the private school under this paragraph. If, upon
4 receiving notice under this subdivision, the department determines that the
5 number of pupils attending private schools under this section falls below the
6 program cap under sub. (2) (b), the department shall fill any available slot with a
7 pupil selected from the waiting list established under subd. 4., if such a waiting list
8 exists.

9 **SECTION 242.** 119.23 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 119.23 (3) (b) If the private school rejects an applicant because ~~it~~ the private
11 school has too few available spaces, the applicant may transfer his or her
12 application to a participating private school that has space available. An applicant
13 who is rejected under this paragraph or an applicant who is on the waiting list
14 under par. (ar) 4. may, subject to sub. (2) (b), be admitted to a private school
15 participating in the program under this section for the following school year,
16 provided that the applicant continues to reside ~~within~~ in the city. The department
17 may not require, in that following school year, the private school to submit financial
18 information regarding the applicant or to verify the eligibility of the applicant to
19 participate in the program under this section on the basis of family income.

20 **SECTION 243.** 119.23 (4) (bg) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 119.23 (4) (bg) 3. In the 2015-16 to 2024-25 school year ~~and in each school~~
22 ~~year thereafter~~ years, upon receipt from the pupil's parent or guardian of proof of
23 the pupil's enrollment in the private school during a school term, except as provided

1 in subd. 5., the state superintendent shall pay to the private school in which the
2 pupil is enrolled on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, from the appropriation
3 under s. 20.255 (2) (fu), an amount equal to the sum of the maximum amount per
4 pupil the state superintendent paid a private school under this section in the
5 previous school year for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled; in the 2023-24
6 school year, if the pupil is enrolled in a grade from kindergarten to 8, 10 percent of
7 the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), for that school year; the amount of
8 the per pupil revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if
9 positive; 90 percent of the change in the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1),
10 between the previous school year and current school year, if positive, if the pupil is
11 enrolled in a grade from kindergarten to 8, or if the pupil is enrolled in a grade from
12 9 to 12, the change in the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), between the
13 previous school year and current school year, if positive; the change in the amount
14 of statewide categorical aid per pupil between the previous school year and the
15 current school year, as determined under s. 118.40 (2r) (e) 2p., if positive; and in the
16 2023-24 school year, if the pupil is enrolled in a grade from 9 to 12, 26.8 percent of
17 the revenue ceiling, as defined in s. 121.905 (1), for that school year.

18 **SECTION 244.** 119.23 (4) (bg) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

19 119.23 (4) (bg) 6. Beginning in the 2025-26 school year and in each school year
20 thereafter, upon receipt from the pupil's parent or guardian of proof of the pupil's
21 enrollment in the private school during a school term, except as provided in subd.
22 7., the state superintendent shall pay to the private school in which the pupil is
23 enrolled on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, from the appropriation under s.
24 20.255 (2) (fu), an amount equal to the sum of the maximum amount per pupil the

1 state superintendent paid a private school under this section in the previous school
2 year for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled; the amount of the per pupil
3 revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the current school year, if positive; and
4 the change in the per pupil amount under s. 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous
5 school year and the current school year, if positive.

6 **SECTION 245.** 119.23 (4) (bg) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

7 119.23 (4) (bg) 7. If the pupil described in subd. 6. is enrolled in a private
8 school that enrolls pupils under the program in any grade between kindergarten to
9 8 and also in any grade between 9 to 12, the state superintendent shall substitute
10 for the amount described in subd. 6. the amount determined under subd. 4. a. to d.,
11 with the following modifications:

12 a. Multiply the number of pupils participating in the program who are
13 enrolled in the private school in any grade between kindergarten to 8 by the sum of
14 the maximum amount per pupil the state superintendent paid a private school
15 under this section in the previous school year for the grade in which the pupil is
16 enrolled; the amount of the per pupil revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for
17 the current school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s.
18 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous school year and the current school year, if
19 positive.

20 b. Multiply the number of pupils participating in the program who are
21 enrolled in the private school in any grade between 9 to 12 by the sum of the
22 maximum amount per pupil the state superintendent paid a private school under
23 this section in the previous school year for the grade in which the pupil is enrolled;

1 the amount of the per pupil revenue adjustment under s. 121.91 (2m) for the
2 current school year, if positive; and the change in the per pupil amount under s.
3 115.437 (2) (a) 1. between the previous school year and the current school year, if
4 positive.

5 **SECTION 246.** 119.23 (4v) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 119.23 (4v) (b) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of the city
7 under par. (a) for a school year, the department shall ensure that the pupil is not
8 counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a school district
9 has exceeded its pupil participation limit under s. 118.60 (2) (be) and that the pupil
10 is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining whether a program
11 cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. or b. has been exceeded.

12 **SECTION 247.** 119.23 (4v) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

13 119.23 (4v) (c) The department may consider a pupil enrolled in a private
14 school participating in the program under this section who satisfies all of the
15 following as a resident of a school district, other than a 1st class city school district,
16 who is enrolled in the private school under this section:

17 1. The pupil was a resident of the city when the pupil applied to participate in
18 the program under this section.

19 2. The pupil accepted a space at a private school participating in the program
20 under this section as a resident of the city.

21 3. The pupil resides in a school district, other than a 1st class city school
22 district, on the 3rd Friday in September.

1 4. The private school at which the pupil accepted a space under this section is
2 participating in the program under s. 118.60.

3 **SECTION 248.** 119.23 (4v) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

4 119.23 (4v) (d) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of an eligible
5 school district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), under par. (c) for a school year, the
6 department shall ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school year for
7 purposes of determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2)
8 (bh) 2. a. has been exceeded.

9 **SECTION 249.** 119.23 (4v) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

10 119.23 (4v) (e) If the department considers a pupil as a resident of a school
11 district, other than an eligible school district, as defined in s. 118.60 (1) (am), or a
12 1st class city school district, under par. (c) for a school year, the department shall
13 ensure that the pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of determining
14 whether the school district has exceeded its pupil participation limit under s.
15 118.60 (2) (be) and that the pupil is not counted for that school year for purposes of
16 determining whether a program cap under sub. (2) (b) or s. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. b. has
17 been exceeded.

18 **SECTION 250.** 119.23 (7) (g) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 119.23 (7) (g) 1. By the first day of the 3rd month beginning after the month in
20 which the department establishes the model management plan and practices for
21 maintaining indoor environmental quality in public and private schools under s.
22 118.075 (3), or by October 1 of a private school's first school year of participation in
23 the program under this section, whichever is later, the private school shall provide
24 for the development of a plan for maintaining indoor environmental quality in the

1 private school. Beginning on October 1, 2026, each private school shall include in
2 the private school's plan under this subdivision a requirement to provide and
3 maintain a carbon monoxide detector, as defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room
4 of the private school that contains a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace or a boiler, and
5 as otherwise required by the department of safety and professional services or a
6 person certified under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r).

7 **SECTION 251.** 119.23 (7) (g) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 119.23 (7) (g) 2. By the first day of the 12th month beginning after the month
9 in which the department establishes the model management plan and practices for
10 maintaining indoor environmental quality in public and private schools under s.
11 118.075 (3), or by the beginning of the 2nd school year of participation in the
12 program under this section, whichever is later, the private school shall implement a
13 plan for maintaining indoor environmental quality in the private school. By July 1,
14 2027, or by the beginning of the 2nd school year of participation in the program
15 under this section, whichever is later, the private school shall provide a carbon
16 monoxide detector, as defined in s. 101.149 (1) (am), in each room of the private
17 school that contains a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace or a boiler, and as otherwise
18 required by the department of safety and professional services or a person certified
19 under s. 101.12 (4) or 101.14 (4r) and reasonably maintain every carbon monoxide
20 detector in the private school in the manner specified in the instructions for the
21 carbon monoxide detector.

22 **SECTION 252.** 121.004 (7) (c) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 121.004 (7) (c) 1. a. A pupil enrolled in a ~~5-year-old~~ kindergarten program
24 that requires full-day attendance by the pupil for 5 days a week, but not on any day

1 of the week that pupils enrolled in other grades in the school do not attend school,
2 for an entire school term shall be counted as one pupil.

3 **SECTION 253.** 121.004 (7) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 121.004 (7) (c) 2. In subd. 1. a. and b., “full-day” means the length of the
5 school day for pupils in the first grade of the school district operating the 4-year-old
6 or 5-year-old-kindergarten program.

7 **SECTION 254.** 121.004 (7) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 121.004 (7) (cm) A pupil enrolled in a 4-year-old kindergarten program,
9 including a 4-year-old kindergarten program being phased in under s. 118.14 (3) (b),
10 that provides the required number of hours of direct pupil instruction under s.
11 121.02 (1) (f) but requires less than full-day attendance by the pupil for 5 days a
12 week shall be counted as 0.6 pupil if the program annually provides at least 87.5
13 additional hours of outreach activities. In this paragraph, “full-day” has the
14 meaning given in par. (c) 2.

15 **SECTION 255.** 121.02 (1) (im) of the statutes is created to read:

16 121.02 (1) (im) Provide period products to any pupil who needs them while at
17 school, at no charge to the pupil.

18 **SECTION 256.** 121.02 (1) (L) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

19 121.02 (1) (L) 9. Make available to pupils in grades 9 to 12 at least one
20 computer science course that includes concepts in computer programming or
21 coding.

22 **SECTION 257.** 121.105 (2) (am) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 121.105 (2) (am) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2., if a school district would
24 receive less in state aid in the current school year before any adjustment is made

1 under s. 121.15 (4) (b) than an amount equal to ~~85~~ 90 percent of the amount of state
2 aid that it received in the previous school year, as adjusted under s. 121.15 (4) (b) in
3 the current school year, its state aid for the current school year shall be increased to
4 an amount equal to ~~85~~ 90 percent of the state aid received in the previous school
5 year.

6 **SECTION 258.** 121.105 (2) (am) 2. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 121.105 (2) (am) 2. (intro.) If a school district from which territory was
8 detached to create a new school district under s. 117.105 would receive in state aid
9 in the school year beginning on the first July 1 following the effective date of the
10 reorganization less than ~~85~~ 90 percent of the amount determined as follows, its
11 state aid in the school year beginning on the first July 1 following the effective date
12 of the reorganization shall be increased to an amount equal to ~~85~~ 90 percent of the
13 amount determined as follows:

14 **SECTION 259.** 121.15 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 121.15 (1) (a) 1. and
15 amended to read:

16 121.15 (1) (a) 1. ~~Each~~ In the 2024-25 school year, each school district shall
17 receive 15 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total
18 aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and
19 35 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

20 **SECTION 260.** 121.15 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2025 Wisconsin
21 Act (this act), is repealed.

22 **SECTION 261.** 121.15 (1) (a) 2. to 6. of the statutes are created to read:

23 121.15 (1) (a) 2. In the 2025-26 school year, each school district shall receive
24 17 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid

entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 33 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

3. In the 2026-27 school year, each school district shall receive 19 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 31 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

4. In the 2027-28 school year, each school district shall receive 21 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 29 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

5. In the 2028-29 school year, each school district shall receive 23 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 27 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

6. In the 2029-30 school year and each school year thereafter, each school district shall receive 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in September, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in December, 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in March, and 25 percent of its total aid entitlement in June.

SECTION 262. 121.15 (1) (a) 2. to 5. of the statutes, as created by 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), are repealed.

SECTION 263. 121.15 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes, as created by 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), is renumbered 121.15 (1) (a).

SECTION 264. 121.84 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 121.84 (4) (b) If a pupil attends school in a school district outside the pupil's
2 school district of residence under par. (a), s. 118.51 (12) ~~(b)~~, (14), (16), and (17) apply
3 to the pupil as if the pupil were attending school in a nonresident school district
4 under s. 118.51. If the pupil is rejected as a result of s. 118.51 (12) ~~(b)~~, s. 118.51 (9)
5 applies.

6 **SECTION 265.** 121.905 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

7 121.905 (1) In this section, "revenue ceiling" means \$10,000 in the 2021-22
8 and 2022-23 school years, \$11,000 in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, \$12,000
9 in the 2025-26 school year, and \$12,400 in the 2026-27 school year and in any
10 subsequent school year.

11 **SECTION 266.** 121.905 (3) (c) 6. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 121.905 (3) (c) 6. For the limit for each of the 2015-16 to 2018-19 school years,
13 and for the 2021-22 school year, ~~and for any school year thereafter~~, make no
14 adjustment to the result under par. (b).

15 **SECTION 267.** 121.905 (3) (c) 9. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 121.905 (3) (c) 9. For the limit for 2023-2425, add ~~\$325~~ the amount under s.
17 121.91 (2m) (j) 2m. to the result under par. (b).

18 **SECTION 268.** 121.91 (2m) (j) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 269.** 121.91 (2m) (j) 2m. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 121.91 (2m) (j) 2m. In 2023-2425, add ~~\$146~~ \$325, in the 2023-24 to 2025-26
21 school years and beginning in the 2026-27 school year, add the amount under this
22 subdivision in the previous school year by the sum of 1.0 plus the allowable rate of
23 increase under s. 73.0305 expressed as a decimal.

24 **SECTION 270.** 121.91 (2m) (j) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

1 121.91 (2m) (j) 3. Multiply the result under subd. ~~2. or 2m., whichever is~~
2 ~~applicable~~, by the average of the number of pupils enrolled in the current school
3 year and the 2 preceding school years.

4 **SECTION 271.** 121.91 (2m) (r) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 121.91 (2m) (r) 1. b. Add an amount equal to the amount of revenue increase
6 per pupil allowed under this subsection for the previous school year multiplied by
7 the sum of 1.0 plus the allowable rate of increase under s. 73.0305 expressed as a
8 decimal to the result under subd. 1. a., except that in calculating the limit for the
9 2013-14 school year and the 2014-15 school year, add \$75 to the result under subd.
10 1. a., in calculating the limit for the 2019-20 school year, add \$175 to the result
11 under subd. 1. a., in calculating the limit for the 2020-21 school year, add \$179 to
12 the result under subd. 1. a., and in calculating the limit for the 2023-24 school year
13 and ~~the 2024-25~~ each school year, ~~add \$325 thereafter, add the amount under par.~~
14 (j) 2m. for that school year to the result under subd. 1. a. In the 2015-16 to 2018-19
15 school years, the 2021-22 school year, and the 2022-23 school year, ~~the 2025-26~~
16 ~~school year, and any school year thereafter~~, make no adjustment to the result under
17 subd. 1. a.

18 **SECTION 272.** 121.91 (2m) (s) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

19 121.91 (2m) (s) 1. b. Add an amount equal to the amount of revenue increase
20 per pupil allowed under this subsection for the previous school year multiplied by
21 the sum of 1.0 plus the allowable rate of increase under s. 73.0305 expressed as a
22 decimal to the result under subd. 1. a., except that in calculating the limit for the
23 2013-14 school year and the 2014-15 school year, add \$75 to the result under subd.
24 1. a., in calculating the limit for the 2019-20 school year, add \$175 to the result

1 under subd. 1. a., in calculating the limit for the 2020-21 school year, add \$179 to
2 the result under subd. 1. a., and in calculating the limit for the 2023-24 school year
3 and ~~the 2024-25~~ each school year, ~~add \$325 thereafter,~~ add the amount under par.
4 (j) 2m. for that school year to the result under subd. 1. a. In the 2015-16 to 2018-19
5 school years, the 2021-22 school year, and the 2022-23 school year, ~~the 2025-26~~
6 ~~school year, and any school year thereafter,~~ make no adjustment to the result under
7 subd. 1. a.

8 **SECTION 273.** 121.91 (4) (p) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 121.91 (4) (p) 1. The limit otherwise applicable to a school district under sub.
10 (2m) in any school year is increased by the amount of any reduction to that school
11 district's state aid payment made under s. 118.51 (16) (b) 2. and (c) or (17) (c) 2. ~~or~~
12 ~~(cm) 2. or s. 118.51 (17) (cm) 2., 2023 stats.,~~ in the previous school year for a pupil
13 who was not included in the calculation of the number of pupils enrolled in that
14 school district in the previous school year.

15 **SECTION 274.** 2023 Wisconsin Act 20, sections 3, 9 and 29 (1) are repealed.

16 **SECTION 9134. Nonstatutory provisions; Public Instruction.**

17 (1) FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN CONTRACTS; EMERGENCY RULES. The
18 department of public instruction may promulgate emergency rules under s. 227.24
19 to implement s. 115.445 (2m). Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3), the
20 department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this
21 subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public
22 peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of
23 emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

1 (2) DEPARTMENT; POSITION CHANGES. The authorized positions for the
2 department of public instruction are increased as provided in Senate Bill 45.

3 **SECTION 9334. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.**

4 (1) SPARSITY AID; PAYMENTS. The treatment of s. 115.436 (3) (a) and (c), the
5 renumbering and amendment of s. 115.436 (3) (am), and the creation of s. 115.436
6 (3) (am) 2. first apply to payments made under s. 115.436 in the 2025-26 school year.

7 (2) GRANTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. The treatment of s. 115.455
8 (title), (1) (a) and (b), (2) (intro.), and (3) first applies to a grant awarded under s.
9 115.455 on the effective date of this subsection.

10 (3) ACCESS TO PERIOD PRODUCTS IN INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS. The
11 treatment of s. 118.40 (2r) (b) 2. m. and (2x) (b) 2. m. first applies to a contract that
12 is entered into, renewed, or modified on the effective date of this subsection.

13 (4) ACCESS TO PERIOD PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. The treatment of s.
14 121.02 (1) (im) first applies to the 2025-26 school year.

15 (5) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; PROGRAM CAPS. The treatment of ss. 118.60
16 (3) (am) and (ar) (intro.) and 5. and 119.23 (3) (ar), the renumbering and
17 amendment of s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. and 4., and the creation of s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 3. a.
18 and b. and 4. a. and b. first apply to an application to attend a private school under
19 s. 118.60 or 119.23 in the 2026-27 school year.

20 (6) SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; PROGRAM CAP. The treatment of
21 s. 115.7915 (2) (f) and (g) and (3) (a), (am), (b), (bm), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) first
22 applies to an application for a scholarship to attend an eligible school under s.
23 115.7915 in the 2026-27 school year.

24 (7) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAMS; TRANSFERRING APPLICANTS BETWEEN

1 PROGRAMS. The treatment of ss. 118.60 (4v) (b), (c), and (d) and 119.23 (4v) (b), (c),
2 (d), and (e) first applies to counting pupils for the pupil participation limits under s.
3 118.60 (2) (be) and the program caps under ss. 118.60 (2) (bh) 2. a. and b. and 119.23
4 (2) (b) for the 2026-27 school year.

5 (8) COUNTING 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN PUPILS. The treatment of s. 121.004
6 (7) (c) 1. a. and 2. and (cm) first applies to the distribution of school aid in, and the
7 calculation of revenue limits for, the 2026-27 school year.

8 (9) SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT AID. The treatment of s. 121.105 (2) (am) 1. and 2.
9 (intro.) first applies to the distribution of school aid in the 2025-26 school year.

10 (10) REVENUE CEILING; REFERENDA RESTRICTIONS. The repeal and recreation
11 of s. 121.905 (1) first applies to the revenue ceiling for the 2025-26 school year.

12 (11) COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE REQUIREMENT.

13 (a) *Independent charter school contracts*. The treatment of s. 118.40 (2r) (b) 2.
14 n. and (2x) (b) 2. n. first applies to a contract that is entered into, renewed, or
15 modified on the effective date of this paragraph.

16 (b) *Private schools participating in a parental choice program*. The treatment
17 of ss. 118.60 (2) (a) 10. and 119.23 (2) (a) 10. first applies to an application to attend
18 a private school under a parental choice program in the 2026-27 school year.

19 **SECTION 9434. Effective dates; Public Instruction.**

20 (1) TEACHER LICENSURE IN CERTAIN PRIVATE SCHOOLS. The treatment of s.
21 118.19 (1), (1b), (1c) (b) (intro.), and (3) (b) takes effect on July 1, 2028.

22 (2) TIMING OF EQUALIZATION AID PAYMENTS. The renumbering of s. 121.15 (1)
23 (a) 6. and the repeal of s. 121.15 (1) (a) 1. to 5. take effect on July 1, 2030.”.

1 **2.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

2 “**SECTION 275.** 118.60 (2) (be) 1. a. of the statutes is repealed.

3 **SECTION 276.** 118.60 (2) (be) 1. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.60 (2) (be) 1. c. “Pupil participation limit” means a school district’s
5 membership in the previous school year multiplied by ~~the applicable percentage for~~
6 ~~the current school year~~ 0.1.

7 **SECTION 277.** 118.60 (2) (be) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 118.60 (2) (be) 2. Except as provided in subd. 2m., ~~beginning with the 2015-16~~
9 ~~school year and ending with the 2025-26 school year~~, the total number of pupils
10 residing in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city
11 school district, who may attend a private school under this section during a school
12 year may not exceed the school district’s pupil participation limit for that school
13 year.

14 **SECTION 278.** 118.60 (2) (be) 3. of the statutes is repealed.”.

15 **3.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

16 “**SECTION 279.** 118.019 (2d) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 118.019 (2d) NONDISCRIMINATION. An instructional program under this
18 section shall use instructional methods and materials that, consistent with s.
19 118.13 (1), do not discriminate against a pupil based upon the pupil’s race, gender,
20 religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or ethnic or cultural
21 background or against sexually active pupils or children with disabilities. Nothing
22 in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a school board from approving an

1 instructional program under this section that includes instruction on abstinence
2 from sexual activity or that is abstinence-centered.

3 **SECTION 280.** 118.13 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.13 (1) Except as provided in s. 120.13 (37m) and sub. (1m), no person may
5 be denied admission to any public school or a private school participating in a
6 program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 or be denied participation in, be
7 denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular,
8 extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of
9 the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital
10 or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or
11 physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

12 **SECTION 281.** 118.13 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

13 118.13 (1m) (a) 1. With respect to being denied admission to, being denied
14 participation in, being denied the benefits of, or being discriminated against on the
15 basis of sex, sub. (1) does not apply to a private school participating in a program
16 under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 that limits admission to pupils of only one sex.

17 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., a private school participating in a program
18 under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 that limits admission to pupils of only one sex
19 may not deny admission to a pupil if the sex to which admissions are limited is the
20 sex that is most consistent with the pupil's gender identity.

21 (b) With respect to discrimination on the basis of religion, sub. (1) does not
22 apply to a sectarian private school participating in a program under s. 115.7915,

1 118.60, or 119.23 declining to provide instruction in the tenets of a religion that is
2 different from the religion with which the private school is affiliated.

3 **SECTION 282.** 118.13 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.13 (2) (a) Each school board and each governing body of a private school
5 participating in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 shall develop
6 written policies and procedures to implement this section ~~and submit them to the~~
7 ~~state superintendent as a part of its 1986 annual report under s. 120.18.~~ The
8 policies and procedures shall provide for receiving and investigating complaints ~~by~~
9 ~~residents of the school district~~ regarding possible violations of this section, for
10 making determinations as to whether this section has been violated and for
11 ensuring compliance with this section.

12 **SECTION 283.** 118.13 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 118.13 (3) (a) 3. Include in the department's biennial report under s. 15.04 (1)
14 (d) information on the status of ~~school district~~ compliance with this section and
15 ~~school district~~ progress toward providing reasonable equality of educational
16 opportunity for all pupils in this state.

17 **SECTION 284.** 118.13 (3) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:

18 118.13 (3) (b) 1. Periodically review ~~school district~~ programs, activities and
19 services to determine whether the school boards and governing bodies of private
20 schools participating in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 are
21 complying with this section.

22 2. Assist school boards and governing bodies of private schools participating

1 in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 to comply with this section by
2 providing information and technical assistance upon request.

3 **SECTION 285.** 118.13 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.13 (4) Any public school or private school official, employee, or teacher
5 who intentionally engages in conduct which discriminates against a person or
6 causes a person to be denied rights, benefits, or privileges, in violation of sub. (1),
7 may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000.

8 **SECTION 286.** 118.20 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 118.20 (1) No discrimination because of sex, except where sex is a bona fide
10 occupational qualification as defined in s. 111.36 (2), race, nationality, gender
11 identity, gender expression, or political or religious affiliation may be practiced in
12 the employment of teachers or administrative personnel in public schools or in their
13 assignment or reassignment. No questions of any nature or form relative to sex,
14 except where sex is a bona fide occupational qualification as defined in s. 111.36 (2),
15 race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, or political or religious
16 affiliation may be asked applicants for teaching or administrative positions in the
17 public schools either by public school officials or employees or by teachers agencies
18 or placement bureaus.

19 **SECTION 287.** 118.40 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 118.40 (4) (b) 2. Except as provided in sub. (3) (h), discriminate in admission
21 or deny participation in any program or activity on the basis of a person's sex, race,
22 religion, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual

1 orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or physical, mental, emotional or
2 learning disability.”.

3 **4.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

4 **“SECTION 288.** 115.7915 (4m) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

5 115.7915 **(4m)** (em) Notwithstanding pars. (a), (cm), and (e), if a child
6 attending a private school under the scholarship program under this section
7 withdraws from the private school under this section during a school year and
8 enrolls in a school district, the department shall pay the remainder of the
9 scholarship amount due to the private school for the child for that school year to the
10 school district in which the child enrolls.

11 **SECTION 289.** 118.40 (2r) (e) 3n. of the statutes is created to read:

12 118.40 **(2r)** (e) 3n. Notwithstanding subd. 2p., if a pupil attending a charter
13 school established by or under a contract with an entity under par. (b) 1. for whom
14 a payment is due under this paragraph withdraws from the charter school during
15 the school year and enrolls in a school district, the department shall pay any
16 remaining amount due to the operator for that pupil for that school year to the
17 school district in which the pupil enrolls.

18 **SECTION 290.** 118.40 (2x) (e) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

19 118.40 **(2x)** (e) 3. Notwithstanding subd. 1m., if a pupil attending a charter
20 school established under this subsection for whom a payment is due under this
21 paragraph withdraws from the charter school during the school year and enrolls in
22 a school district, the department shall pay any remaining amount due to the

1 operator for that pupil for that school year to the school district in which the pupil
2 enrolls.

3 **SECTION 291.** 118.60 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

4 118.60 (4) (d) Notwithstanding par. (bg), if a pupil attending a private school
5 under this section for whom a payment is due under this subsection withdraws from
6 the private school during the school year and enrolls in a school district, the
7 department shall pay any remaining amount due to the private school for that pupil
8 for that school year to the school district in which the pupil enrolls.

9 **SECTION 292.** 119.23 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

10 119.23 (4) (d) Notwithstanding par. (bg), if a pupil attending a private school
11 under this section for whom a payment is due under this subsection withdraws from
12 the private school during the school year and enrolls in a school district, the
13 department shall pay any remaining amount due to the private school for that pupil
14 for that school year to the school district in which the pupil enrolls.

15 **SECTION 9434. Effective dates; Public Instruction.**

16 (1) PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM PAYMENTS The treatment of ss. 115.7915 (4m)
17 (em), 118.40 (2r) (e) 3n., 118.40 (2x) (e) 3., 118.60 (4) (d) and 119.23 (4) (d) takes
18 effect on July 1, 2026.”.

19 **5.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

20 “**SECTION 293.** 115.7915 (4m) (cm) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 115.7915 (4m) (cm) 3. Multiply the difference determined under subd. 2. by
22 ~~0.90~~ the reimbursement rate for aid under s. 115.88 for the current school year.

23 **SECTION 294.** 115.437 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

1 115.437 (2) (b) In the 2025-26 school year and in each school year thereafter,
2 the per pupil amount under par. (a) is the sum of the per pupil amount under this
3 subsection in the previous school year and the change in the per pupil amount paid
4 to a private school under s. 118.60 (4) (b) 3. between the previous school year and
5 the current school year.”.

6 **SECTION 295.** 118.60 (2) (a) 1. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 118.60 (2) (a) 1. c. The family income of a pupil ~~does not need to~~ shall be
8 verified under subd. 1. b. for a pupil who attended a participating private school
9 under this section or s. 119.23 in a school year and applies to attend a participating
10 private school under this section in the following school year.

11 **SECTION 296.** 119.23 (2) (a) 1. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 119.23 (2) (a) 1. d. The family income of a pupil ~~does not need to~~ shall be
13 verified under subd. 1. b. for a pupil who attended a participating private school
14 under this section or s. 118.60 in a school year and applies to attend a participating
15 private school in the program under this section in the following school year.”.

16 **6.** At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

17 **“SECTION 297.** 19.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 19.32 (1) “Authority” means any of the following having custody of a record: a
19 state or local office, elective official, agency, board, commission, committee, council,
20 department or public body corporate and politic created by the constitution or by
21 any law, ordinance, rule or order; a governmental or quasi-governmental
22 corporation except for the Bradley center sports and entertainment corporation; a
23 special purpose district; any court of law; the assembly or senate; a nonprofit

1 corporation which receives more than 50 percent of its funds from a county or a
2 municipality, as defined in s. 59.001 (3), and which provides services related to
3 public health or safety to the county or municipality; a university police department
4 under s. 175.42; a private school participating in a program under s. 115.7915,
5 118.60, or 119.23; or a formally constituted subunit of any of the foregoing.

6 **SECTION 298.** 19.36 (17) of the statutes is created to read:

7 19.36 (17) CERTAIN PUPIL RECORDS. Records concerning an individual pupil
8 maintained by an authority that is a private school participating in a program
9 under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23, are not subject to the right of inspection or
10 copying under s. 19.35 (1).

11 **SECTION 299.** 19.82 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 19.82 (1) "Governmental body" means a state or local agency, board,
13 commission, committee, council, department or public body corporate and politic
14 created by constitution, statute, ordinance, rule or order; a governmental or quasi-
15 governmental corporation except for the Bradley center sports and entertainment
16 corporation; a local exposition district under subch. II of ch. 229; a long-term care
17 district under s. 46.2895; a private school participating in a program under s.
18 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23; or a formally constituted subunit of any of the
19 foregoing, but excludes any such body or committee or subunit of such body which is
20 formed for or meeting for the purpose of collective bargaining under subch. I, IV, or
21 V of ch. 111.

22 **SECTION 300.** 115.7915 (6) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

23 115.7915 (6) (L) Comply with subchs. II and V of ch. 19.

SECTION 301. 118.60 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 10. The private school complies with subchs. II and V of ch. 19.

SECTION 302. 119.23 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 10. The private school complies with subchs. II and V of ch. 19.”.

7. At the appropriate places, insert all of the following:

“SECTION 303. 74.09 (3) (gb) of the statutes is created to read:

74.09 (3) (gb) 1. Include information from the school district where the property is located regarding the amount of any gross reduction in state aid to the district under ss. 115.7915 (4m), 118.60 (4d), and 121.08 (4) (b) in the previous year and the current year and the percentage change between those years, except that this paragraph does not apply in any year in which such a reduction does not occur.

2. In addition to the information provided under subd. 1., include the following insert in substantially similar form:

“The gross reduction in state aid to your school district in the (current year) is \$ as a result of pupils enrolled in the (statewide choice program) (Racine choice program) (Milwaukee choice program) or as a result of payments to (a private school) under the special needs scholarship program. Your school district had the option to increase property taxes to replace this aid reduction.””.

(END)