



2019 SENATE BILL 688

January 16, 2020 - Introduced by Senators OLSEN, KOYENGA and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives LOUDENBECK, RODRIGUEZ, L. MYERS, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, GUNDRUM, JAGLER, KULP, STEFFEN, WICHGERS, BROOKS, MURSAU and SKOWRONSKI. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.51 (3) (a) 1. and 118.51 (3m) (a); and **to create** 118.51 (3)
2 (a) 1d. of the statutes; **relating to:** applications for full-time open enrollment.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law limits the number of nonresident school boards to which parents may apply for a pupil to attend a public school in a nonresident school district under the full-time open enrollment program. Currently, full-time open enrollment applications for a pupil may be submitted to no more than three nonresident school boards in any school year. This bill specifies that an application submitted to a nonresident school board for a pupil to attend a virtual charter school does not count for purposes of this limitation.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.51 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
4 118.51 (3) (a) 1. The parent of a pupil who wishes to attend a public school in
5 a nonresident school district under this section shall submit an application, on a form
6 provided by the department under sub. (15) (a), to the school board of the nonresident
7 school district that the pupil wishes to attend, not earlier than the first Monday in

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1 February and not later than the last weekday in April of the school year immediately
2 preceding the school year in which the pupil wishes to attend. Applications Except
3 as provided in subd. 1d., applications may be submitted to no more than 3
4 nonresident school boards in any school year. The nonresident school board shall
5 send a copy of the application to the pupil's resident school board and the department
6 by the end of the first weekday following the last weekday in April. The application
7 may include a request to attend a specific school or program offered by the
8 nonresident school district.

9 **SECTION 2.** 118.51 (3) (a) 1d. of the statutes is created to read:

10 118.51 **(3)** (a) 1d. For purposes of determining whether applications have been
11 submitted to more than 3 nonresident school boards, the department may not count
12 an application submitted to a nonresident school board for a pupil to attend a virtual
13 charter school.

14 **SECTION 3.** 118.51 (3m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 118.51 **(3m)** (a) Notwithstanding sub. (3), the parent of a pupil who wishes to
16 attend a public school in a nonresident school district under this section may, in lieu
17 of applying under sub. (3), submit an application under this subsection, on a form
18 provided by the department under sub. (15) (a), to the school board of the nonresident
19 school district that the pupil wants to attend if the pupil satisfies at least one of the
20 criteria under par. (b). Applications may be submitted to no more than 3 nonresident
21 school boards in any school year. For purposes of determining whether applications
22 have been submitted to more than 3 nonresident school boards, the department may
23 not count an application submitted to a nonresident school board for a pupil to attend
24 a virtual charter school.

25 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

