



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (bp) and 118.50 (5m) of the statutes; **relating to:** a
2 whole grade sharing categorical aid for school boards and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a categorical aid for school boards that enter into a whole grade sharing agreement and adopt a resolution to consider school district consolidation. Under the bill, the Department of Public Instruction pays an eligible school board an amount equal to \$150 per pupil enrolled in a grade included in the whole grade sharing agreement. A school board may not receive this aid for more than five school years.

Under current law, two or more school boards may enter into a whole grade sharing agreement, under which all or a substantial portion of the pupils enrolled in a specified grade in the participating school districts attend the specified grade in one of the participating school districts.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
5 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

BILL**SECTION 1****2019-20****2020-21****1 20.255 Public instruction, department of****2 (2) AIDS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING****3 (bp) Aid for whole grade sharing****4 agreements GPR A \$750,000 \$750,000****5 SECTION 2.** 20.255 (2) (bp) of the statutes is created to read:**6 20.255 (2) (bp) Aid for whole grade sharing agreements.** The amounts in the
7 schedule for payments under s. 118.50 (5m).**8 SECTION 3.** 118.50 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:**9 118.50 (5m) STATE AID.** (a) A school board is eligible for aid under sub. (b) if the
10 school board does all of the following:**11 1. Enters into a whole grade sharing agreement.****12 2. Adopts a resolution declaring that it will consider consolidation under s.**
13 117.08 or 117.09.**14 (b) Beginning in the 2019-20 school year and subject to par. (c), the department**
15 shall pay an eligible school board an amount equal to \$150 multiplied by the number
16 of pupils who are enrolled in the school district in a grade level that is subject to the
17 whole grade sharing agreement.**18 (c) 1. If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (bp) is insufficient to pay the full**
19 amount under this subsection, the department shall prorate the payments among
20 the eligible school boards.**21 2. The department may not make payments to a school board under par. (b) for**
22 more than 5 school years of a whole grade sharing agreement.**23 SECTION 4. Effective date.**

