



State of Wisconsin  
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## BILL

1     **AN ACT to amend** 115.437 (2) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** funding for the  
2             University of Wisconsin System, technical college system, special education  
3             funding, per pupil aid, and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill provides additional funding in the amount of \$45,000,000 for the University of Wisconsin System in each year of the 2021-23 fiscal biennium under its general program operations appropriation, additional funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for state aid to technical colleges in each year of the 2021-23 fiscal biennium, and additional funding in the amount of \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 fiscal biennium for special education aid the Department of Public Instruction pays to school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative educational service agencies, and county children with disabilities education boards.

The bill also increases the per pupil amount for per pupil aid paid to school districts to \$888 beginning in the 2021-22 school year. Under current law, the per pupil amount for per pupil aid is \$742. Per pupil aid is funded from a sum sufficient appropriation. According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the per pupil aid increase under the bill will increase funding for school districts during the 2021-23 fiscal biennium by \$239,300,000. The amount of per pupil aid paid to a school district is calculated using a three-year average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district and a per pupil amount set by law.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 115.437 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           115.437 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), annually on the 4th Monday of  
3           March, the department shall pay to each school district an amount equal to the  
4           average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district in the current and 2  
5           preceding school years multiplied by \$75 in the 2013-14 school year, by \$150 in the  
6           2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, by \$250 in the 2016-17 school year, by \$450 in  
7           the 2017-18 school year, by \$654 in the 2018-19 school year, by ~~\$679 and \$63~~ \$742  
8           in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, and by \$888 in each school year thereafter.  
9           The department shall make the payments from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2)  
10          (aq).

11          **SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

12          (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION AID. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
13          appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the  
14          dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$100,000,000 to increase  
15          funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88 and the dollar amount for fiscal  
16          year 2022-23 is increased by \$100,000,000 to increase funding for aids for special  
17          education under s. 115.88.

18          (2) UW SYSTEM; GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005  
19          (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin  
20          System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased

1 by \$45,000,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by  
2 \$45,000,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

3 (3) STATE AIDS FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for  
4 the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (d), the  
5 dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$10,000,000 and the dollar  
6 amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$10,000,000 for the purpose for which  
7 the appropriation is made.

8 (END)