

WMC: Applauds passage of bipartisan school choice funding bill

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MADISON – Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) – the combined state chamber and manufacturers’ association – applauded the state Assembly and Senate for approving legislation on Wednesday night to increase investments in school choice.

[SB 330 and AB 305](#) would increase investments in the state’s school choice system, charter schools and the special needs scholarship – creating more opportunity for families to choose the best education for their children. The bill passed with bipartisan support in both houses.

“WMC and our members thank Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu and the bipartisan group of legislators who supported this important investment in education,” said WMC Senior Director of Workforce, Education & Employment Policy Rachel Ver Velde. “Wisconsin’s employers need young people with the hard and soft skills necessary for today’s careers, which means we need to be investing equitably in all students to ensure our graduates are fully prepared for the workforce. This bill does just that.”

The education package includes increasing school choice funding from \$8,399 to \$9,500 per student in kindergarten through eighth grade; \$9,045 to \$12,000 per student in high school; \$9,264 to \$11,000 per student in charter schools; and \$13,076 to \$14,677 for students with disabilities who attend private schools.