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Rep. Allen proposes way to curtail wasteful administrative costs

Rep. Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) has proposed a budget amendment which would limit the administrator-to-pupil ratio within a school district to 1:220. School districts which failed to comply with the limitations would be subject to losing state aid, and possibly federal aid required to be matched by state funds.

“Administrator costs in our school districts are presently unrestrained,” said Rep. Allen. “Every dollar spent on an administrator takes a dollar away from teachers and kids in the classroom and may hinder student outcomes.”

School administrators are among the highest-paid classification of employee in the state. Compared to 41 other economically developed countries, Wisconsin ranks 4th in education spending, behind Luxembourg, Norway, and Austria, according to a recent analysis from *Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty* (WILL). There is little correlation between spending and educational outcomes.

“Wisconsin is preparing to spend more than \$12 billion on K-12 education over the biennium, not including local school district levies,” said Rep. Allen. “Taxpayers have every right to demand accountability and results. We can no longer afford to be sloppy with the distribution of taxpayer dollars on education.”

The Joint Finance Committee will now determine whether the proposal will go into the state budget.

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*The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City of Waukesha
and the Towns of Waukesha, Genesee, and Mukwonago.*