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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Omnibus Motion

Motion:

Move to adopt the following items:

Categorical Aids

1. *Special Education (Paper #615).* Provide $77,229,600 GPR in 2025-26 and $151,744,700 GPR in 2026-27 for special education categorical aid. It is estimated that this funding would increase the proration rate to 35% in 2025-26 and 37.5% 2026-27.

2. *High Cost Special Education (Paper #615).* Provide an increase of $14,606,700 GPR in 2025-26 and $39,970,300 GPR in 2026-27 for high cost special education categorical aid. It is estimated that this funding would increase the proration rate to 50% in 2025-26 and 90% in 2026-27.

3. *Aid for Comprehensive School Mental Health Services (Paper #616).* Provide $10,000,000 GPR of one-time funding in 2025-26 and 2026-27 to expand aid for school mental health programs.

4. *Robotics League Participation Grants (LFB Summary, page 551, #21).* Provide $250,000 GPR annually above base level funding of $750,000 for the robotics league participation grants.

5. *Pupil Transportation Aid (LFB Summary, page 550, #25).* Modify statutory language to increase the reimbursement rate for pupils transported over 12 miles to and from school in the regular school year from $400 to $450 beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

6. *High Cost Pupil Transportation Aid (LFB Summary, page 551, #26).* Modify the eligibility threshold for the high cost transportation aid program from 140% of the statewide average transportation costs to 135% of the statewide average beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

7. *Sparsity Aid (Paper #617).* Adopt Alternative 3 to provide $896,000 GPR in 2025-26 and $1,116,000 GPR in 2026-27 above base level funding of $28,614,000 for sparsity aid, which would fully fund estimated eligibility under current law.

8. *Lakeland STAR Academy.* Provide $250,000 GPR in 2025-26 and $500,000 GPR in 2026-27 in one-time funding in a new appropriation for grants to the Lakeland STAR Academy. Require DPI to distribute the amount in the appropriation in each fiscal year of the biennium to Lakeland Union High School District for distribution to Lakeland STAR Academy. Specify that the

appropriation would be repealed on July 1, 2027.

9. *School Library Aids Reestimate (LFB Summary, page 553, #29).* Reestimate school library aids by $18,000,000 SEG annually. Base level funding is $52,000,000 annually. Revenues are from interest earned on the segregated common school fund, administered by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

Choice, Charter and Open Enrollment

Under the motion, the various per pupil payments for the choice and charter programs would increase by $135 per pupil in 2025-26 and a further $128 per pupil in 2026-27 as a change to the prior year, in addition to the $325 annual increase resulting from the per pupil revenue limit adjustment under current law (the fiscal effect of which was included under previous Committee action). The following four items are reestimates for those payments.

10. *Milwaukee Private School Choice Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 553, #1).* Provide $3,968,400 GPR in 2025-26 and $8,080,200 GPR in 2026-27 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the appropriation for the Milwaukee private school choice program.

11. *Racine and Statewide Private School Choice Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 553, #2).* Provide $3,721,700 GPR in 2025-26 and $8,184,100 GPR in 2026-27 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the appropriation for the Racine and statewide private school choice programs. Adjust GPR lapses by $3,679,900 GPR-Lapse in 2025-26 and $8,134,100 GPR-Lapse in 2026-27.

12. *Special Needs Scholarship Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 557, #6).* Provide $463,700 GPR in 2025-26 and $1,018,900 GPR in 2026-27 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the appropriation for the special needs scholarship program. Adjust GPR lapses by $463,700 GPR-Lapse in 2025-26 and $1,018,900 GPR-Lapse in 2026-27.

13. *Independent Charter School Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 559, #10).* Provide $1,386,800 GPR in 2025-26 and $2,796,300 GPR in 2026-27 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the main appropriation for the independent charter school program. Adjust GPR lapses by $79,300 GPR-Lapse in 2025-26 and $163,500 GPR-Lapse in 2026-27.

Provide $303,600 GPR in 2025-26 and $626,400 GPR in 2026-27 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the appropriation for the independent charter schools authorized by the Office of Educational Opportunity (OEO) in the UW System. Adjust GPR lapses by $303,600 GPR-Lapse in 2025-26 and $626,400 GPR-Lapse in 2026-27.

14. *Open Enrollment Transfer Amount.* Increase the full-time open enrollment transfer amount by $1,578 per pupil in the 2025-26 school year, in addition to the indexing calculation.

Administrative and Other Funding

15. *Special Olympics Wisconsin (Paper #631).* Provide $100,000 GPR annually above base level funding of $200,000 for Special Olympics Wisconsin.

16. *State Operations Adjustment (LFB Summary, Page 564, #2).* Provide $50,000 GPR annually beginning in 2025-26 to support increased supplies and services costs in the appropriation for the operations of the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

17. *Reduce Funding for General Operations.* Reduce funding in DPI's general program operations appropriation by 10% of the 2024-25 appropriated amount annually beginning in 2025-26 (10% of $13,333,000 GPR, or $1,333,000 GPR).

18. *Fuel and Utilities Reestimate (LFB Summary, Page 564, #3).* Provide $58,800 GPR in 2025-26 and $87,000 GPR in 2026-27 to reflect estimated costs for fuel and utilities for the state residential schools. Base level funding is equal to $507,600 annually.

19. *Program Revenue Reestimates (LFB Summary, Page 571, #28).* Reestimate program revenue by $447,200 annually. The reestimate includes $514,300 annually in the appropriation for data processing; -$6,300 annually in the appropriation for professional services center charges; -$8,100 annually in the appropriation for the state agency library processing center; and -$52,700 annually in the appropriation for publications.

20. *Public Library System Aid (LFB Summary, Page 571, #29).* Provide $1,000,000 SEG in 2025-26 and $2,000,000 SEG in 2026-27 above base level funding of $24,013,100 for public library system aid. The segregated revenue is provided from the state universal service fund, which receives its funding through assessments on annual gross operating revenues from intrastate telecommunications providers.

21. *Library Service Contracts (LFB Summary, Page 571, #30).* Provide $619,200 SEG in 2025-26 and $666,600 SEG in 2026-27 above base level funding of $1,397,500 to fully fund the cost of statutorily-required library service contracts for resources of specialized library materials and other information.

22. *BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind (LFB Summary, Page 572, #31).* Provide $96,600 SEG in 2026-27 above base level funding of $3,486,300 to increase funding for the contracts with current BadgerLink vendors and to maintain the current level of services through Newsline for the Blind.

23. *Recovery High Schools.* Provide a one-time increase of $250,000 GPR in each year of the biennium above base level funding of $500,000 for recovery high schools, which are public, private, or tribal high schools specifically designed for pupils in recovery from a substance use disorder.

24. *Wisconsin Reading Corps.* Provide $250,000 annually above base level funding of $2,000,000 to support literacy tutoring services provided through the Wisconsin Reading Corps.

25. *Delete Vacant Positions.* Delete 1.60 FED positions that have been vacant for more than 12 months.

Note:

The table below shows the fiscal effect of the motion.

	Funding			
	2025-26	2026-27	Total	Fund
Categorical Aids				
Special education	$77,229,600	$151,744,700	$228,974,300	GPR
High cost special education	14,606,700	39,970,300	54,577,000	GPR
Aid for comprehensive mental health services	10,000,000	10,000,000	20,000,000	GPR
Robotics league participation grants	250,000	250,000	500,000	GPR
Sparsity aid	896,000	1,116,000	2,012,000	GPR
Lakeland STAR	250,000	500,000	750,000	GPR
School library aid reestimate	18,000,000	18,000,000	36,000,000	SEG
Subtotal	$102,982,300	$203,081,000	$306,063,300	GPR
	18,000,000	18,000,000	36,000,000	SEG
Choice/Charter/Open Enrollment				
Reestimate Milwaukee choice	$3,968,400	$8,080,200	$12,048,600	GPR
Reestimate statewide and Racine choice	3,721,700	8,184,100	11,905,800	GPR
	3,679,900	8,134,100	11,814,000	GPR-Lapse
Reestimate special needs scholarship	463,700	1,018,900	1,482,600	GPR
	463,700	1,018,900	1,482,600	GPR-Lapse
Reestimate independent charter	1,690,400	3,422,700	5,113,000	GPR
	382,900	789,900	1,172,600	GPR-Lapse
Subtotal	$9,844,200	$20,705,900	$30,550,100	GPR
	4,526,500	9,942,900	14,469,400	GPR-Lapse
Administrative and Other Funding				
Special Olympics Wisconsin	$100,000	$100,000	$200,000	GPR
State operations adjustment	50,000	50,000	100,000	GPR
Reduce funding for general operations	-1,333,000	-1,333,000	-2,666,000	GPR
Fuel and utilities reestimate	58,800	87,000	145,800	GPR
Program revenue reestimates	447,200	447,200	894,400	PR
Public library system aid	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	SEG
Library service contracts	619,200	666,600	1,285,800	SEG
BadgerLink and Newsline for the Blind	0	96,600	96,600	SEG
Recovery high schools	250,000	250,000	500,000	GPR
Wisconsin Reading Corps	250,000	250,000	500,000	GPR
Subtotal	-$374,200	-$96,000	-$470,200	GPR
	447,200	447,200	894,400	PR
	1,619,200	2,763,200	4,382,400	SEG
Motion total	$112,452,300	$223,690,900	$336,143,200	GPR
	4,526,500	9,942,900	14,469,400	GPR-Lapse
	447,200	447,200	894,400	PR
	19,619,200	20,763,200	40,382,400	SEG

Positions	2025-26	2026-27	
Delete vacant positions	-1.6	-1.6	FED

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