

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION -- CHOICE, CHARTER, AND OPEN ENROLLMENT

Creation of Green Bay Parental Choice Program

Motion:

Move to create a Green Bay parental choice program. With the following exceptions, all the provisions of the Milwaukee parental choice program (as modified under motion #458) would apply to the Green Bay program.

Specify that the program would be created if a petition is signed by a sufficient number of electors in the Green Bay Area School District. Specify that the threshold would be equal to 25% of the number of pupils enrolled in the Green Bay Area School District in 2010-11. Specify that the committee, group, or individual initiating the petition would be required to file a registration statement with the Government Accountability Board (GAB), on or after September 1, 2011, stating the name and mailing address of the individual or the head of the committee or group initiating the petition. Specify that petitions could be circulated for 60 days after registration. Specify that certification statements of a circulator appearing at the bottom of each petition under s. 8.15(4)(a) would substantially apply, modified to reflect that the petition applies to a school district. Specify that petition signatures must be reviewed by GAB within 31 days after petition submission. Specify that a signature could not be counted for the reasons substantially similar to those listed under s. 9.10(2)(e) and (em), modified to reflect that the petition applies to a school district. If a sufficient number of signatures are obtained on the petition, require GAB to certify that result to DPI, and specify that DPI shall begin to administer the program beginning in the first school year following the GAB certification.

Specify that no more than 250 full-time equivalent pupils in the first school year of operation and 500 full-time equivalent pupils in the second school year of operation may participate in the program. Specify that there would be no limit on pupil participation beginning in the third school year of operation. Specify that the current law statutory language governing the pupil participation limit for the Milwaukee program regarding what the State Superintendent must do when he or she determines that the limit has been reached and when the number of choice pupils has fallen below the limit, and the priority order in which pupils must be accepted when schools have been notified that they may begin accepting additional pupils, would apply to the Green Bay program for first two years of operation. Specify that priority would be given to students eligible for free or reduced price lunch in the prior school year attending a school in the program in the first year of operation if random selection is required.

Specify that a pupil must live in the Green Bay Area School District to be eligible for the program. Specify that a pupil would be eligible to participate if he or she was: (a) enrolled in the

Green Bay Area School District in the prior year; (b) not enrolled in school in the prior year; (c) was enrolled in the Green Bay choice program in the prior year; or (d) is enrolling in kindergarten, first grade, or ninth grade in a school participating in the program in the current year.

Create a sum sufficient appropriation from the general fund to make the payments to private schools under the Green Bay program.

Note:

In 2010-11, 20,570 pupils were enrolled in the Green Bay Area School District on the third Friday of September. The 25% requirement under the motion equals 5,143 electors.

Based on the \$6,442 maximum per pupil payment and the participation limits under the motion, if the program were operative beginning in 2012-13, \$1,610,500 in that year would be expended from the Green Bay program appropriation. Under the net 38.4% aid lapse, the resulting Green Bay general aid reduction would be \$618,400. The net general fund fiscal effect would be \$992,100.

Under s. 8.15(4)(a), certification of a qualified circulator stating his or her residence with street and number, if any, shall appear at the bottom of each nomination paper, stating he or she personally circulated the nomination paper and personally obtained each of the signatures; he or she knows they are electors of the ward, aldermanic district, municipality or county, as the nomination papers require; he or she knows they signed the paper with full knowledge of its content; he or she knows their respective residences given; he or she knows each signer signed on the date stated opposite his or her name; and, that he or she, the circulator, is a qualified elector of this state, or if not a qualified elector of this state, is a U.S. citizen age 18 or older who, if he or she were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under s. 6.03, Wis. stats.; that he or she intends to support the candidate; and that he or she is aware that falsifying the certification is punishable under s. 12.13 (3) (a), Wis. stats. The circulator shall indicate the date that he or she makes the certification next to his or her signature. The certification may be made by the candidate or any qualified circulator.

Under s. 9.10(2)(e), an individual signature on a petition sheet may not be counted if: (a) the signature is not dated; (b) the signature is dated outside the circulation period; (c) the signature is dated after the date of the certification contained on the petition sheet; (d) the residency of the signer of the petition sheet cannot be determined by the address given; (e) the signature is that of an

individual who is not a resident of the jurisdiction or district from which the elective official being recalled is elected; (f) the signer has been adjudicated not to be a qualified elector on grounds of incompetency or limited incompetency as provided in s. 6.03 (3); (g) the signer is not a qualified elector by reason of age; (h) the circulator knew or should have known that the signer, for any other reason, was not a qualified elector.

Under s. 9.10(2)(em), no signature on a petition sheet may be counted if: (a) the circulator fails to sign the certification of circulator; or (b) the circulator is not a qualified circulator.

