

1 **AN ACT** to create 121.91 (4) (L) of the statutes; **relating to:** school revenue limits.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on School Safety.

This draft is based on the proposed state Senate amendment to the 2007–09 Biennial Budget Bill [2007 Senate Bill 40.] The amendment was adopted by the state Senate, but was not recommended by the state Assembly and was not included in the final version of the bill. [2007 Act 20.]

The provisions are described in Memo No. 6, *Provisions Relating to School Revenue Limits* (November 5, 2008).

COMMENT: The draft shows the proposed changes to WLC: 0345/1 as if the draft were amended. That is, the proposed changes are shown in bracketed language. If adopted by the Special Committee, the draft would incorporate the changes into the text of the created statute without the brackets.

2 **SECTION 1.** 121.91 (4) (L) of the statutes is created to read:

3 121.91 (4) (L) 1. In this paragraph, “local law enforcement agency” means a
4 governmental unit of one or more persons employed full–time by a city, town, village, or
5 county in the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws
6 or local ordinance, employes of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while
7 acting within the scope of their authority.

8 2. The limit otherwise applicable to a school district under sub. (2m) in any school year
9 is increased by an amount equal to 100 times the number of pupils enrolled in the school
10 district or \$40,000, whichever is greater, for the purpose of covering compensation costs
11 associated with providing security officers in the district [, and] purchasing safety equipment
12 [or improving school safety]. The increase in the limit under this subdivision applies only if

1 the school board and a local law enforcement agency jointly developed a school safety
2 [expenditure] plan [consistent with the school plan under s. 120.12 (26)] that covers each
3 school in the school district and that describes the manner in which the increased revenues
4 shall be used, and the school board [approves and] submits the school safety expenditure plan
5 to the state superintendent.

6 3. Any additional revenue received by a school district as a result of subd. 2. shall not
7 be included in the base for determining the school district's limit under sub. (2m) for the
8 following school year.

9 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.**

10 (1) SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES; REVENUE LIMIT ADJUSTMENT. The treatment of section
11 121.91 (4) (L) of the statutes first applies to the calculation of a school district's revenue limit
12 for the 2009–10 school year.

NOTE: This draft makes the following changes in WLC: 0345/1:

1. Expands the purposes for which the additional revenue can be used to permit spending on “improving school safety”. The original draft limited spending to the costs associated with providing security officers and purchasing safety equipment. [See the bracketed language on page 1, lines 11 to 12.]

2. Changes the referenced to “school safety plan” to “school safety expenditure plan”. Also, the draft requires that the expenditure plan to be “consistent with the school safety plan under s. 120.12 (26)”. [See the bracketed language on page 2, line 2.]

3. Clarifies that the school board must approve the school safety expenditure plan before submitting it to the state superintendent. [See the bracketed language on page 2, line 4.]

The draft makes no other changes in WLC: 0345/1.