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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Lena Taylor
From: Daniel Ritsche, Senior Legislative Analyst
Date: August 4, 2016
Subject: School voucher legislation 2011–15 with Senator Taylor votes

Following is a list of legislation relating to private school vouchers from 2011 to 2015. The list was compiled from the *Subject Index to Legislation Introduced*. Please note the following:

1. “VOTED FOR” means you voted for the bill on passage.
2. “VOTED AGAINST” means you voted against the bill on passage.
3. “NO VOTE” means the bill did not receive a vote in the house in which you were serving.
4. “VOICE VOTE” means the bill passed the house, but there was no roll call vote.

| VOTED FOR OR VOTED AGAINST | | |
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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| FOR | 2013 SB 286 (2013 Act 256) | Student information system: when independent charter schools and private schools participating in the parental choice program begin to use the system or compatible system revised; pupils attending private school but not under the parental choice program are not required to be included; MPS, charter school, and parental choice program participating private school provisions. |
| FOR | 2013 SB 584 (2013 Act 237) | Private schools participating in a parental choice program: additional requirements for new private schools seeking to participate and pre-accreditation and accreditation requirements modified, definition provisions. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| AGAINST | 2011 AB 40 (2011 Act 32— executive budget act) | Private schools participating in MPCP: annual; Racine Parental Choice Program provisions created, “Racine parental choice program” changed to “Parental choice programs for eligible school districts,” DPI duties expanded; MPCP and independent charter school per pupil payment revised; MPCP participating private school: family income requirement eliminated, charging additional tuition and fees permitted, any private school in Milwaukee County may participate, enrollment cap lifted, enrollment expanded to any private school, family income revised and DOR duty added, charging additional tuition and fees revised, accrediting agency and pupil assessment provisions added, payments directly to private schools and family application provisions added, auditing standards revised. |
| AGAINST | 2013 AB 40 (2013 Act 20— executive budget act) | Certificate of occupancy and building usage charges revisions for private schools in the parental choice program, MPCP, and Racine Parental Choice Program; MPCP and Racine Parental Choice Program: participation of private schools in both programs; DPI duties; Parental choice program per pupil payment, comprehensive financial audit requirement revised; Parental choice program student prioritization; Student information system: include charter schools and private schools participating in a parental choice program; Examinations to measure pupil attainment of knowledge and concepts expanded to grades 9 and 11; public, private, charter, and parental choice school provisions; Parental choice program expansion; Teacher’s aide requirements modified for private schools participating in parental choice programs. |
| AGAINST | 2015 AB 602 (2015 Act 297) | Christian Schools International added to list of choice program accrediting agencies and pre-accrediting agencies and Special Needs Scholarship program accrediting entities re qualifying private schools. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| AGAINST | 2015 SB 21 (2015 Act 55— executive budget act) | MPCP, Racine Parental Choice Program, and statewide parental choice program changes re per pupil amount, financial audit, pupil acceptance preferences, teacher or administrator license, certain reports, pupil assignment council, and notification of intent to participate date; MPCP research: “qualified independent researcher” defined and access to department databases; confidentiality and fee provisions; Parental choice programs: family income of participating pupil does not need to be re-verified with DOR under certain conditions; Private schools participating in school choice program revisions re occupancy permit and retaining documents in electronic form; Racine Parental Choice Program and statewide parental choice program changes recap, payments, equalization aid formula, and new choice pupils; Teacher’s aide qualifications re private schools participating in parental choice program. |

| NO VOTES OR VOICE VOTES | | |
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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| NO VOTE | 2011 AB 227 | Private schools participating in MPCP and other choice programs: background checks of teachers and administrators required; employment restrictions and State Superintendent duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2011 AB 314 | Parental choice program for eligible school districts created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32: closed to additional school districts. |
| NO VOTE | 2011 AB 324 | MPCP and parental choice program for eligible school districts: revisions re verification of income eligibility, approved accrediting and pre-accrediting organizations, a school's retention of a disqualified person, fees and tuition, and certificates of occupancy. |
| NO VOTE | 2011 AB 677 | School state aid revisions re guaranteed percentage, parental choice programs, school aid formula, counting low-income pupils, delayed payments, per pupil adjustment under the levy limit, grants for study to improve efficiency, and transporting pupils to private schools. |
| NO VOTE | 2011 AB 748 | Public schools, charter schools, and private schools participating in the parental choice program: law revisions re teacher and principal evaluations, school assessment guide, teacher licensure, MPS cost report, and schools' disclosure requirements and exclusion for fraudulent representation; DPI duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2011 SB 27 (the executive budget companion bill) | Private schools participating in MPCP: annual, nationally normed standardized test requirements; MPCP participating private school: establishing circumstances that would indicate it does not possess sound fiscal practices or the financial ability to continue operations; MPCP participating private school: family income requirement eliminated, charging additional tuition and fees permitted, any private school in Milwaukee County may participate, enrollment cap. |
| NO VOTE | 2011 SB 163 | Private schools participating in MPCP and other choice programs: background checks of teachers and administrators required; employment restrictions and State Superintendent duties. |
| VOICE VOTE | 2011 SB 174 (2011 Act 215) | Private schools participating in MPCP and other choice programs: background checks of teachers and administrators required; employment restrictions and State Superintendent duties. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| VOICE VOTE | 2011 SB 234 (2011 Act 47) | MPCP and parental choice program for eligible school districts: revisions re: verification of income eligibility, approved accrediting and pre-accrediting organizations, a school's retention of a disqualified person, fees and tuition, and certificates of occupancy. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 324 | Expulsion of pupils attending private school under a parental choice program: DPI to promulgate rules establishing procedure; private schools violating the rules may be barred from the parental choice program. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 325 | High school graduation requirements for pupils attending private school under the parental choice program specified; private school may be barred from parental choice program if it violates the requirements. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 327 | Private school may participate in the parental choice program if it has been in operation for at least two school years and has no more than 49% of enrollment from choice program pupils. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 328 | Private school must be located in this state to participate in the parental choice program. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 377 | Parental choice programs: laws revised re family income for pupil eligibility, per pupil payments, teacher licensure, reading readiness assessments, criteria for awarding a high school diploma, corporal punishment, procedure for the expulsion of pupils, regular building inspections, release of certain data, public inspection of certain records, school must be located in this state, school operating for two years before participating in parental choice, and meetings between school's governing board and pupils, prospective pupils, and their parents. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 379 | Student information system: when independent charter schools and private schools participating in the parental choice program begin to use the system or compatible system revised. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 587 | Student information system: private schools participating in a parental choice program are not required to use or establish their own. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 748 | Private schools participating in a parental choice program: additional requirements for new private schools seeking to participate and pre-accreditation and accreditation requirements modified, definition provisions. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 773 | Private school participating in a parental choice program: certain special education staff required if enrolling a child with a disability; compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, DPI duties. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 796 | Teachers at private schools participating in a parental choice program: qualifications for teaching summer school. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 893 | Teachers, administrators, and owners of private schools participating in a parental choice program: background investigation requirements and employment restrictions. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 AB 925 | Parental choice program: criminal penalties re false statement on application, concealing events to fraudulently participate, or unauthorized use of payments. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 SB 50 | Exam to measure pupil attainment of knowledge and concepts in grades 9 and 11 required in public and charter schools and private schools participating in parental choice programs; exams offered by ACT, Inc. specified; State Superintendent of Public Instruction and DPI duties; report required. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 SB 288 | Parental choice programs: laws revised re family income for pupil eligibility, per pupil payments, teacher licensure, reading readiness assessments, criteria for awarding a high school diploma, corporal punishment, procedure for the expulsion of pupils, regular building inspections, release of certain data, public inspection of certain records, school must be located in this state, school operating for two years before participating in parental choice, and meetings between school's governing board and pupils, prospective pupils, and their parents. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 SB 443 | Student information system: private schools participating in a parental choice program are not required to use or establish their own. |
| NO VOTE | 2013 SB 554 | Private school participating in a parental choice program: certain special education staff required if enrolling a child with a disability; compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, DPI duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 1 | School and school district accountability system replaced with an academic review system; Academic Review Board (ARB) created; DPI to annually review school performance, assign a letter grade, and impose sanctions; administration of pupil examinations approved by ARB; UW--Madison Value-Added Research Center duties; school board required to annually inform parent or guardian of education options; independent charter schools, private schools participating in a parental choice program, reports, and emergency rule provisions. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 21 | Pupil assessments: public schools, independent charter schools, and private schools participating in a parental choice program may administer an ARB approved test; School and school district accountability system replaced with an academic review system; Academic Review Board (ARB) created; DPI to annually review school performance, assign a letter grade, and impose sanctions; administration of pupil examinations approved by ARB; UW--Madison Value-Added Research Center duties; school board required to annually inform parent or guardian of education options; independent charter schools, private schools participating in a parental choice program, reports, and emergency rule provisions; Annual performance review of schools: DPI required to determine in certain areas; sanction provisions revised; independent charter schools and private schools participating in a parental choice program provisions; MPCP, Racine Parental Choice Program, and statewide parental choice program changes re per pupil amount, financial audit, pupil acceptance preferences, teacher or administrator license, certain reports, pupil assignment council, and notification of intent to participate date; Parental choice programs: family income of participating pupil does not need to be re-verified with DOR under certain conditions; Racine Parental Choice Program and statewide parental choice program changes recap, payments, equalization aid formula, and new choice pupils. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 69 | Parental choice program: criminal penalties re false statement on application, concealing events to fraudulently participate, or unauthorized use of payments. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 148 | Private school participating in a parental choice program: certain special education staff required if enrolling a child with a disability; compliance with Part A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, DPI duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 283 | Private schools participating in a parental choice program must have been in operation for at least two school years and maximum percentage of enrollment from the program set; exceptions provision. |
| VOICE VOTE | 2015 AB 332 (2015 Act 72) | Statewide parental choice program: pupil participation limit exception created. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 379 | School and school district accountability report from DPI: provisions eliminated and school and school district accountability system established for public schools, charter schools, and private schools participating in the parental choice program; DPI report and LAB audit provisions. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 423 | Parental choice programs, including MPCP and Racine Parental Choice Program: revisions to take effect in 2016-17 school year re family income for pupil eligibility, per pupil payments, teacher licensure, background investigations of teachers and administrators, reading readiness assessments, high school diploma criteria, corporal punishment, expulsion, building inspections, public inspection of certain records, location in this state required, meetings of governing board open to the public, in operation at least 2 years, enrollment percentage; DPI and superintendent of public instruction duties; Private schools participating in a parental choice program revisions re building inspection, public inspection of certain records, location in this state required, in operation at least two years, enrollment percentage, and meetings of governing board open to the public; DPI duties specified; Parental choice program revisions re family income for pupil eligibility and method for determining per pupil payments to participating private schools; Parental choice program revisions re instructional staff required to hold a license or permit issued by DPI and participating private schools required to conduct background check of each teacher and administrator; superintendent of public instruction duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 461 | Statewide parental choice program phased out. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 462 | Statewide parental choice program phased out. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 618 | Suspensions and expulsions of pupils: annual report to DPI from private schools participating in a parental choice program required. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 828 | Civics exam as condition for high school diploma, independent audit of private schools participating in a parental choice program, and school and school district accountability reports. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 854 | Parental choice programs, including MPCP and Racine Parental Choice Program: revisions to take effect in 2016-17 school year re family income for pupil eligibility, per pupil payments, teacher licensure, background investigations of teachers and administrators, reading readiness assessments, high school diploma criteria, corporal punishment, expulsion, building inspections, public inspection of certain records, location in this state required, meetings of governing board open to the public, in operation at least 2 years, enrollment percentage; DPI and superintendent of public instruction duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 855 | Parental choice program: criminal penalties re false statement on application, concealing events to fraudulently participate, or unauthorized use of payments. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 918 | Parental choice programs (Milwaukee, Racine, and statewide) phased out. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 964 | Substitute teachers at private schools participating in a parental choice program: exemption from bachelor's degree, credential, or teaching license requirement in specific cases. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 AB 1021 | Disqualified person re private school participating in a parental choice program: DPI authority and definition of "disqualified person" modified. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 SB 1 | School and school district accountability report revisions; low-performing school districts and schools provisions replaced with chronically failing schools and school districts provisions, including improvement plans; charter schools, independent charter schools, and private schools participating in the parental choice program provisions; boards created; DPI and superintendent of public instruction duties; independent charter schools and private schools participating in a parental choice program clarification; LAB audit required; Chronically failing schools and school districts provisions replace low-performing schools and school districts provisions; public and charter school accountability board (PCAB) created in DPI; parental choice school accountability board created in DOA; improvement plans, interventions, withholding state aid, not renewing contracts, and no new students under a parental choice program provisions; DPI duties specified. |

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| Voted | Bill Number | Description of Text |
| NO VOTE | 2015 SB 3 | Parental choice programs, including MPCP and Racine Parental Choice Program: revisions re family income for pupil eligibility, per pupil payments, teacher licensure, background investigations of teachers and administrators, reading readiness assessments, high school diploma criteria, corporal punishment, expulsion, building inspections, public inspection of certain records, location in this state required, meetings of governing board open to the public, in operation at least 2 years, enrollment percentage; DPI and superintendent of public instruction duties; Private schools participating in a parental choice program revisions re building inspection, public inspection of certain records, location in this state required, in operation at least two years, enrollment percentage, and meetings of governing board open to the public; DPI duties specified; Parental choice program revisions re family income for pupil eligibility and method for determining per pupil payments to participating private schools; Parental choice program revisions re instructional staff required to hold a license or permit issued by DPI and participating private schools required to conduct background check of each teacher and administrator; superintendent of public instruction duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 SB 78 | Private school participating in a parental choice program: certain special education staff required if enrolling a child with a disability; compliance with Part A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, DPI duties. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 SB 250 | Statewide parental choice program: pupil participation limit exception created. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 SB 467 | Christian Schools International added to list of choice program accrediting agencies and pre-accrediting agencies and Special Needs Scholarship program accrediting entities re qualifying private schools. |
| VOICE VOTE | 2015 SB 640 (2015 Act 212) | Civics exam as condition for high school diploma, independent audit of private schools participating in a parental choice program. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 SB 757 | Substitute teachers at private schools participating in a parental choice program: exemption from bachelor's degree, credential, or teaching license requirement in specific cases. |
| NO VOTE | 2015 SB 796 | Disqualified person re private school participating in a parental choice program: DPI authority and definition of "disqualified person" modified. |