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Senator Johnson
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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Omnibus Motion

Motion:

Move to adopt the following items:

General School Aids and Revenue Limits

1. *General School Aids (Paper #630)*. Provide \$229,705,000 GPR in 2023-24 and \$809,777,400 GPR in 2024-25 above base level funding of \$5,201,590,000 for general school aids.
2. *High Poverty Aid (Paper #631)*. Delete \$16,830,000 GPR annually and the appropriation and program statutes for high poverty aid.
3. *Revenue Limit Per Pupil Adjustment (Paper #630)*. Set the per pupil adjustment under revenue limits at \$350 in 2023-24 and \$650 in 2024-25.
4. *Low Revenue Adjustment (Paper #630)*. Set the low revenue adjustment amount under revenue limits at \$10,450 per pupil in 2023-24 and \$11,200 per pupil in 2024-25.

Categorical Aids

5. *Special Education (Paper #635)*. Provide \$491,388,600 GPR in 2023-24 and \$521,666,900 GPR in 2024-25 for special education categorical aid and modify the appropriation from sum certain to be a sum sufficient appropriation paying 60% of eligible costs beginning in 2023-24 and annually thereafter.
6. *High Cost Special Education Aid (Paper #635)*. Provide \$1,592,800 GPR in 2023-24 and \$5,936,800 GPR in 2024-25 for high cost special education categorical aid. Additionally, request statutory language modifying the appropriation to be sum sufficient, establishing the following reimbursement rates in statute: 45% in 2023-24, and 60% in 2024-25 and each school year thereafter.
7. *School Breakfast Reimbursement (Paper #636)*. Provide \$4,326,800 GPR in 2023-24 and \$4,663,000 GPR in 2024-25 above base level funding of \$2,510,500 GPR for the school breakfast program. Additionally, modify statutory language to allow independent charter schools, the state's Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and residential care centers for children and youth to be eligible for reimbursement. Specify

that schools that ceased operations during the prior school year are not eligible for reimbursement for any breakfasts served during that year.

8. *Bilingual-Bicultural Aid (Paper #637)*. Provide \$8,199,100 GPR in 2023-24 and \$14,153,200 GPR in 2024-25 above base level funding of \$8,589,800 for bilingual-bicultural aid. Modify the appropriation from sum certain to be a sum sufficient appropriation paying 15% of eligible costs in 2023-24 and 20% in 2024-25 and annually thereafter.

9. *Per Pupil Aid (Paper #630)*. Provide \$19,116,000 GPR in 2023-24 and \$54,661,800 GPR in 2024-25 in per pupil aid to increase the payment from \$742 per pupil in 2022-23 to \$766 per pupil in 2023-24 and \$811 per pupil in 2024-25.

10. *Early Literacy and Reading Improvement (Paper #638)*. Provide \$10,000,000 GPR annually to create two new appropriations, including \$9,195,000 GPR annually to contract with and train literacy coaches to implement a comprehensive program of trainings for educators to improve early literacy and reading outcomes for Wisconsin students, and \$805,000 GPR annually to provide payments to participating school districts and independent charter schools.

Require DPI to establish a program to improve literacy outcomes that includes the following: (a) coaches to support the implementation of evidence-based literacy instructional practices in grades K-12 by collaborating with local educational agencies to establish goals for literacy outcomes for specific grade levels and literacy areas and provide ongoing support to local educational agencies to meet those goals; (b) coaches to focus on early literacy instructional transitions by providing in-person trainings for teachers who teach 4K, kindergarten, or first grade, including in-person trainings to evaluate existing early literacy curricula and goals and to assist local educational agencies to create local, standards-aligned, and developmentally appropriate curricula and instruction for 4K to first grade pupils; and (c) trainings for the coaches on how to identify evidence-based literacy instructional practices and facilitate regional trainings focused on early literacy instructional practices. Require DPI to contract with individuals who demonstrate knowledge of and expertise in evidence-based literacy instructional practices and instructional experience in grades 4K to 12 to serve as literacy coaches under (a), and individuals who demonstrate knowledge and expertise in early literacy instructional practices and instructional experience in grades 4K through one to serve as literacy coaches under (b).

Define urban school districts as those with enrollments in the previous school year of at least 16,000 pupils (Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, and Racine), and require each urban school district to participate in the program. Require DPI to contract with one of each type of literacy coach for each urban school district, and between one and four of each type of coach for each cooperative educational service agency (CESA), depending on the number of pupils enrolled in non-urban districts located in the CESA in the previous school year, as follows: (1) for CESAs with fewer than 40,000 pupils, one coach under (a) and one under (b); (2) for CESAs with 40,001 to 80,000 pupils, two literacy coaches under (a) and two under (b); for CESAs with 80,001 to 120,000 pupils, three literacy coaches under (a) and three under (b); and for CESAs with more than 120,000 pupils, four coaches under (a) and four under (b). Specify that other than urban districts, DPI could not require any district to participate in the program.

Require DPI to pay \$7,000 annually to each school district and independent charter school that elects to work with a coach to implement evidence-based literacy instructional practices under (a) and an additional \$6,000 annually to each school district and independent charter school that participates in an early literacy training led by a coach under (b).

11. *High Cost Transportation Aid (Paper #639)*. Provide \$7,503,800 GPR annually above base level funding of \$19,856,200 for high cost transportation aid. It is estimated that this amount would fully fund payments to eligible districts in each year. Additionally, modify statutory language to eliminate the \$200,000 cap for payments for districts that qualified for aid in the previous year, but did not qualify in the current year.

12. *Pupil Transportation Aid (LFB Summary, page 496, #21)*. Modify statutory language to increase the reimbursement rate for pupils transported over 12 miles to and from school in the regular school year from \$375 to \$400 beginning in the 2023-24 school year.

13. *Driver Education Aid (Paper #640)*. Provide \$6,500,000 GPR beginning in 2024-25 in a new, annual appropriation for driver education aid to reimburse eligible programs for the cost of providing driver education to low income pupils. Define a driver education program as an instructional program in driver education approved by DPI and operated by a driver school or a qualified driver education provider, which would include school boards, operators of an independent charter school, and cooperative educational service agencies. Specify that eligible pupils would be pupils who qualified for free or reduced-price lunch in the federal school lunch program in the previous school year. Provide that in order to receive grants, qualified driver education providers would have to: (a) demonstrate to DPI that the provider waived the fees it would otherwise charge for eligible pupils; and (b) by October 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, report the number of eligible pupils who enrolled in and successfully completed its driver education program in the previous school year and the amount charged to a pupil who was not an eligible pupil to enroll in and complete the program in the previous year. Require DPI to calculate the amount paid to each qualified driver education provider by multiplying the number of eligible pupils reported as having successfully completed a program in the previous school year by the amount that the provider reported that it charged a pupil who was not an eligible pupil in the previous year. Provide that DPI could promulgate rules to implement and administer this program.

14. *Sparsity Aid (LFB Summary, page 496, #23)*. Provide \$630,200 GPR annually over base level funding of \$27,983,800 GPR for sparsity aid. Additionally, modify the provision that exists under current law under which any district that qualified for sparsity aid in one year but did not qualify the following year due to an increase in its enrollment is eligible to receive 50% of its prior year award. Instead, allow a district that loses its eligibility as a result of an increase in its enrollment or its pupil population density to receive up to 50% of its prior year award.

15. *School Library Aids Reestimate (LFB Summary, page 497, #25)*. Reestimate school library aids by \$7,000,000 SEG annually.

Choice, Charter, and Open Enrollment

Under current law indexing and the motion, the various per pupil aid payments would increase by \$1,025 per pupil in 2023-24 and a further \$1,425 per pupil in 2024-25 as a change to the prior year. The following four items are reestimates for those payments.

16. *Milwaukee Private School Choice Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 498, #1)*. Provide \$29,110,000 GPR in 2023-24 and \$70,315,000 GPR in 2024-25 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the Milwaukee private school choice program. Adjust GPR lapses by \$931,500 GPR-Lapse in 2023-24.

17. *Racine and Statewide Private School Choice Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 499, #2)*. Provide \$23,472,500 GPR in 2023-24 and 62,475,000 GPR in 2024-25 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the appropriation for the Racine and statewide private school choice programs. Adjust GPR lapses by \$22,765,300 GPR-Lapse in 2023-24 and \$61,103,000 GPR-Lapse in 2024-25.

18. *Special Needs Scholarship Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 503, #6)*. Provide \$2,619,900 GPR in 2023-24 and \$7,266,700 GPR in 2024-25 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding for the special needs scholarship program. Adjust GPR lapses by \$2,619,900 GPR-Lapse in 2023-24 and \$7,266,700 GPR-Lapse in 2024-25.

19. *Independent Charter School Program Funding (LFB Summary, page 504, #10)*. Provide \$9,771,400 GPR in 2023-24 and \$23,992,900 GPR in 2024-25 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the main appropriation for the independent charter school program. Adjust GPR lapses by \$543,300 GPR-Lapse in 2023-24 and \$1,323,000 GPR-Lapse in 2024-25.

Provide \$2,342,100 GPR in 2023-24 and \$6,580,700 GPR in 2024-25 as a reestimate of sum sufficient funding in the appropriation for independent charter schools authorized by the Office of Educational Opportunity (OEO) in the UW System. Adjust GPR lapses by \$2,342,100 GPR-Lapse in 2023-24 and \$6,580,700 GPR-Lapse in 2024-25.

Administrative and Other Funding

20. *Fuel and Utilities Reestimate (LFB Summary, page 508, item #2)*. Provide \$74,700 GPR in 2023-24 and \$79,300 GPR in 2024-25 to reflect estimated costs for fuel and utilities for the state residential schools.

21. *Mental Health Training Programs (Paper #655)*. Provide \$580,000 GPR annually above base level funding of \$420,000 for mental health training programs. Require DPI to provide training to individuals employed by an out-of-school-time program, in addition to the other staff required under current law. Additionally, add suicide prevention to the topics required to be included in the trainings.

22. *Academic and Career Planning (Paper #656)*. Provide \$322,500 GPR in 2023-24 and

\$381,500 GPR in 2024-25 for the academic and career planning program.

23. *Wisconsin Reading Corps (Paper #657)*. Provide \$1,000,000 GPR in 2023-24 and \$2,000,000 GPR in 2024-25 above base level funding of \$2,000,000 to support literacy tutoring services provided through the Wisconsin Reading Corps.

24. *The Literacy Lab (Paper #657)*. Provide \$75,000 GPR in 2023-24 and \$1,370,000 GPR in 2024-25 to The Literacy Lab, a Virginia nonstock corporation, to provide an evidence-based literacy intervention program in public schools located in the cities of Milwaukee and Racine.

25. *Reach Out and Read (Paper #657)*. Provide \$250,000 GPR annually to Reach Out and Read, Inc., a Massachusetts nonstock corporation, for an early literacy program operated in Wisconsin to support integration of books and reading into pediatric care and encourage families to read aloud together.

26. *Program Revenue Reestimates (LFB Summary, page 513, item #19)*. Reestimate program revenue by \$1,452,200 annually. The reestimate includes \$5,900 annually in the appropriation for personnel licensure; -\$125,100 annually in the appropriation for school lunch handling charges; \$1,561,400 annually in the appropriation for data processing; and \$10,000 annually in the appropriation for leasing space at the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

27. *Public Library Aid (Paper #658)*. Provide \$5,000,000 SEG annually above base level funding of \$20,013,100 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.

28. *Recollection Wisconsin (LFB Summary, page 513, item #21)*. Provide \$150,000 SEG in 2023-24 and \$300,000 SEG in 2024-25 for Recollection Wisconsin, and require the State Superintendent to annually distribute the funding to Wisconsin Library Services, Inc. (WiLS) to support the digitization of historic materials in public libraries throughout the state. Create an annual, sum certain SEG appropriation for this purpose. The segregated revenue would be provided from the universal service fund, which receives its funding through assessments on annual gross operating revenues from intrastate telecommunications providers.

29. *BadgerLink and Newslines for the Blind (LFB Summary, page 513, item #22)*. Provide \$104,000 SEG in 2023-24 and \$203,000 SEG in 2024-25 above base level funding of \$3,283,300 to maintain the current level of services provided through BadgerLink and Newslines for the Blind.

30. *Library Services Contracts (LFB Summary, page 514, item #23)*. Provide \$29,800 SEG beginning in 2024-25 above base level funding of \$1,367,700 to fully fund the cost of statutorily-required library service contracts for resources of specialized library materials and other information. 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.

31. *Online Early Learning Program (Paper #649)*. Delete the sunset provision under which the early learning pilot program will end on July 1, 2023, and move the nonstatutory provisions creating the program to statutes.

Note:

[Change to Base: \$825,250,400 GPR, -29,202,100 GPR-Lapse, \$1,452,000 PR, and \$12,254,000 SEG in 2023-24; \$1,593,954,200 GPR, -\$76,273,400 GPR-Lapse, \$1,452,000 PR, and \$12,532,800 SEG in 2024-25]