



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 117.08 (6) (a) and 117.09 (6) (a); *to create*
2 117.08 (6) (a) 2. and 117.09 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** state aid for
3 consolidated school districts.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a newly consolidated school district is eligible for consolidation aid for seven school years beginning in the school year in which the consolidation takes effect. Currently, in each of the first five years following a consolidation, the Department of Public Instruction must pay the consolidated school district \$150 per pupil enrolled in the school district. In the sixth year after consolidation, DPI must pay the consolidated school district an amount equal to 50 percent of what the school district received in the fifth year, and in the seventh year, DPI must pay the consolidated school district an amount equal to 25 percent of what the school district received in the fifth year. Under current law, consolidation aid is funded by a sum sufficient appropriation.

For a school district consolidation that takes effect in 2026, 2027, or 2028, this bill increases the aid for the school year in which the consolidation takes effect to \$2,000 per pupil enrolled in the consolidated school district. Under the bill, the consolidation aid amounts in the subsequent six school years following the consolidation remain the same as under current law.

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For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 117.08 (6) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 117.08 (6) (a) 1. and
2 amended to read:

3 117.08 (6) (a) 1. ~~In~~ Except as provided in subd. 2., in the school year in which
4 the consolidation takes effect and in each of the subsequent 4 school years, \$150
5 multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled, as defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the
6 school district in that school year.

7 **SECTION 2.** 117.08 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

8 117.08 (6) (a) 2. For a consolidation that takes effect in 2026, 2027, or 2028, in
9 the school year in which the consolidation takes effect, \$2,000 multiplied by the
10 number of pupils enrolled, as defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the school district in that
11 school year, and in each of the subsequent 4 school years, \$150 multiplied by the
12 number of pupils enrolled, as defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the school district in that
13 school year.

14 **SECTION 3.** 117.09 (6) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 117.09 (6) (a) 1. and
15 amended to read:

16 117.09 (6) (a) 1. ~~In~~ Except as provided in subd. 2., in the school year in which
17 the consolidation takes effect and in each of the subsequent 4 school years, \$150
18 multiplied by the number of pupils enrolled, as defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the
19 school district in that school year.

20 **SECTION 4.** 117.09 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

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1 117.09 (6) (a) 2. For a consolidation that takes effect in 2026, 2027, or 2028, in
2 the school year in which the consolidation takes effect, \$2,000 multiplied by the
3 number of pupils enrolled, as defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the school district in that
4 school year, and in each of the subsequent 4 school years, \$150 multiplied by the
5 number of pupils enrolled, as defined in s. 115.437 (1), in the school district in that
6 school year.

7 (END)