AN ACT relating to: categorical aids for special education and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) provides state categorical aid for certain costs of educating and transporting pupils enrolled in special education and of school age parents programs. DPI also provides additional categorical aid if a school board, board of control of a cooperative educational service agency, county children with disabilities education board, or operator of independent charter school spends more than $30,000 of nonadministrative costs to provide special education services to a child and those costs are not eligible for reimbursement under the state special education program, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or the federal Medicaid program. This bill increases the amounts appropriated for both of these state categorical aids in the 2014–15 fiscal year.

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:

SECTION 1. Fiscal changes.

(1) AIDS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SCHOOL AGE PARENTS PROGRAMS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the
department of public instruction under section 20.255 (2) (b) of the statutes, as
affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by $86,500,000 for the
second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect for the
purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(2) Additional special education aid. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3)
of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under
section 20.255 (2) (bd) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar
amount is increased by $1,500,000 for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium
in which this subsection takes effect for the purpose for which the appropriation is
made.

(END)