AN ACT to amend 115.437 (2) (a) of the statutes; relating to: compensation reserves, per pupil aid, funding for the University of Wisconsin System, technical colleges, special education, assistant district attorneys, and the Public Defender Board, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the GPR compensation reserves by $29,247,100 for fiscal year 2021-22, and by $63,022,800 for fiscal year 2022-23.

The bill also provides additional funding for the University of Wisconsin System under its general program operations appropriation; for state aid to technical colleges; for special education aid for school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative educational service agencies, and county children with disabilities education boards; for salary adjustments for deputy and assistant district attorneys; and for the state Public Defender Board.

The bill also increases the per pupil amount for per pupil aid paid to school districts to $758 in the 2021-22 school year and $777 in each school year thereafter. Under current law, the per pupil amount for per pupil aid is $742. Per pupil aid is funded from a sum sufficient appropriation. The amount of per pupil aid paid to a school district is calculated using a three-year average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district and a per pupil amount set by law.
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. 115.437 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.437 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), annually on the 4th Monday of March, the department shall pay to each school district an amount equal to the average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district in the current and 2 preceding school years multiplied by $75 in the 2013-14 school year, by $150 in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, by $250 in the 2016-17 school year, by $450 in the 2017-18 school year, by $654 in the 2018-19 school year, by $679 and $63 $742 in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, by $758 in the 2021-22 school year, and by $777 in each school year thereafter. The department shall make the payments from the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (aq).

SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) COMPENSATION RESERVES. In the summary schedule under s. 20.005 (1), as affected by 2021 Wisconsin Act 58, for the amounts designated “General Purpose Revenue” under the heading “Summary of Compensation Reserves — All Funds,” the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by $29,247,100 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $63,022,800, for expenditures under s. 20.865 (1) (c). All other tables under s. 20.005 (1) are adjusted to reflect the increases under this subsection.

SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.

(1) SPECIAL EDUCATION AID. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the
dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by $5,444,400 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $11,731,700 to increase funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88.

(2) **UW System; General Program Operations.** In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by $3,798,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $8,184,200 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(3) **State Aids for Technical Colleges.** In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (d), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by $844,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $1,818,700 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(4) **District Attorneys.** In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation under s. 20.475 (1) (em), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $502,000 for salary adjustments.

(5) **Public Defender Board.** In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the public defender board under s. 20.550 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $518,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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