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## AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

#### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Potential Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal
Madison	Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

### ***Explanation***

The bill makes various changes relating to the State Department of Education and local and regional school districts. The impact of these changes is described by section below.

**Section 6** changes the potential uses of regional school districts' reserve funds. It allows districts to move funds previously appropriated to and currently in a reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures, to a reserve fund for educational expenditures starting in FY 26.

**Section 9** makes Madison eligible to participate in the Open Choice Program, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. This results in a cost to the state and a corresponding revenue gain to Madison of \$3,000 per

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student annually starting in FY 26. The total impact will depend on the number of students that participate in the Open Choice Program in Madison.

**Section 12** requires districts to conduct a special education evaluation for students who receive out of school suspension in preschool through second grade, which results in a potential minimal cost to districts beginning in FY 26. The cost is dependent on: (1) the number of students for whom evaluations are required; (2) the cost of an evaluation; and (3) the cost of necessary special education services to the student as a result of the evaluation.

**Sections 1 - 5, 7 - 8, 10 - 11, & 13 - 14** make various clarifying and procedural changes that do not result in a fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.