



## 2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 645

November 10, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives ZIMMERMAN, DUCHOW, KITCHENS, NEDWESKI, ARMSTRONG, GUSTAFSON, MURPHY, O'CONNOR and STEFFEN, cosponsored by Senator HUTTON. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.255 (2) (bt) and 115.448 of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             grants for feasibility studies of school district consolidation or whole grade  
3             sharing.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

The bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to award grants to reimburse consortia of two or more school boards for up to \$25,000 of the costs of a feasibility study for school district consolidation or a whole grade sharing agreement. The bill specifies that a professional financial analysis, which may include a population study, of the effects of consolidation or whole grade sharing on the school districts, is eligible for reimbursement under the grant program. Under the bill, to be eligible for a grant for a feasibility study, each school board in a consortium must demonstrate that it has adopted a resolution to consider school district consolidation.

Current law provides additional funding to a consolidated school district during the first seven years after consolidation. Current law does not provide funding for feasibility studies or other costs to school districts that are considering school district consolidation or whole grade sharing.

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

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**ASSEMBLY BILL 645****SECTION 3**

1 may include a population study, of how school district consolidation or a whole  
2 grade sharing agreement under s. 118.50 would affect the school districts governed  
3 by the eligible applicant, as a reimbursable cost under this subsection.

4 **(3)** To receive a grant under this section, an eligible applicant shall  
5 demonstrate to the department that each school board that is a member of the  
6 consortium has adopted a resolution under s. 117.08 (1) or 117.09 (1).

7 **(END)**