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Legislature set to pass schools bill

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MADISON, Wis. - A proposal designed to help turn around Milwaukee and other struggling schools is up for final approval Tuesday in the Legislature.

If passed by the Assembly, it would then head to Gov. Jim Doyle who supports it.

The bill is a compromise between Doyle and others who wanted to give control of the Milwaukee schools to that city's mayor and others who argued that was too abrupt of a change.

The measure gives the state superintendent new powers to intervene in struggling schools. It also requires school boards to take steps to improve teaching and make other changes in failing schools.

The Senate passed the bill last week with all Democrats supporting it and Republicans opposed. Democrats control the Assembly.