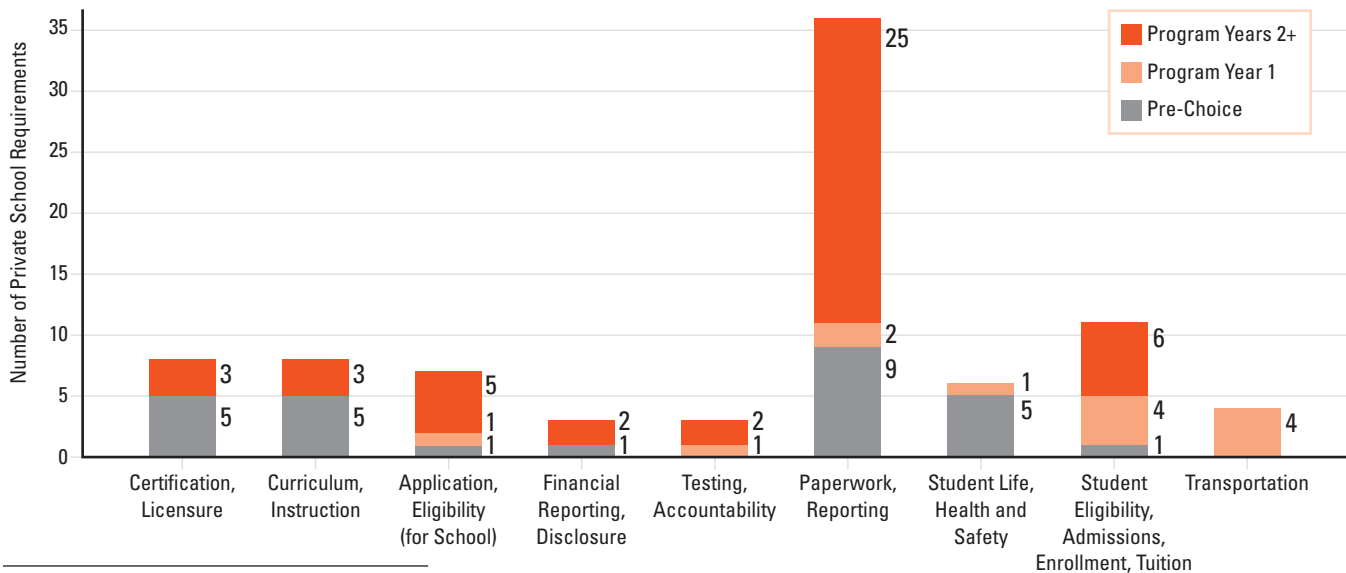


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Enacted in 1990, Milwaukee’s voucher program is the oldest school choice program in the modern age of education reform. It served 24,915 income-eligible full-time equivalent students across 110 schools in the 2013-14 school year.<sup>33</sup>

**FIGURE 1** Counts of Regulations on Private Schools by Time Period



Source: Author’s calculations based on statutes in Appendix 1.

The legislation creating Milwaukee’s voucher program brought about 55 regulations that fell into the nine categories, with only nine regulations created in the first year (see Figure 1).<sup>34</sup> Since then, more than half of the added school requirements fell into the Paperwork, Reporting category. The overall aggregate Program Score for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program is -132 (see Table 1), the highest for all school choice programs analyzed, even though one category did not receive a score.

**TABLE 1** Impact Scores of Regulations on Private Schools  
Based on Author’s Regulatory Impact Scale (page 13)

Regulation Category	Pre-Choice	Program Year 1	+	Program Years 2+	=	Program Score	Pre-Choice + Program Score
Certification, Licensure	+5	-		-9		<b>-9</b>	-4
Curriculum, Instruction	-15	-		-7		<b>-7</b>	-22
Application, Eligibility (for School)	0	-3		-15		<b>-18</b>	-18
Financial Reporting, Disclosure	-3	-		-6		<b>-6</b>	-9
Testing, Accountability	-	-3		-6		<b>-9</b>	-9
Paperwork, Reporting	-18	-6		-67		<b>-73</b>	-91
Student Life, Health and Safety	-7	-3		-		<b>-3</b>	-10
Student Eligibility, Admissions, Enrollment, Tuition	+3	-12		+5		<b>-7</b>	-4
Transportation	+2	-		-		<b>-</b>	+2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-27</b>		<b>-105</b>		<b>-132</b>	<b>-165</b>