



State of Wisconsin
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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 977

January 19, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives O'CONNOR, STUBBS, MAXEY, GUNDRUM, PLUMER, MURSAU, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, CONSIDINE, BEHNKE, PALMERI, EDMING, SUBECK, MURPHY, SCHRAA and HURD. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 115.28 (55v), 118.07 (6) and 121.02 (1) (L) 9. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** required human trafficking prevention instruction in certain
3 grades and teacher training related to identifying victims of child trafficking.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the state superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, to develop a model curriculum and instructional materials for grades 7 to 12 on human trafficking prevention. The model curriculum and instructional materials must be age appropriate at each grade level and must include instruction on Internet safety. Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, the bill requires each school board to provide age-appropriate instruction in human trafficking prevention in grades 7 to 12. Under the bill, the instruction must be consistent with the model curriculum or a curriculum that is substantially similar to the model curriculum. Finally, under the bill, school boards must require full-time school district employees who are required to hold a license issued by the Department of Public Instruction to receive training in identifying victims of child trafficking.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 115.28 (55v) of the statutes is created to read:

2 115.28 **(55v)** HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MODEL CURRICULUM. In
3 consultation with the department of children and families, develop a model
4 curriculum and related instructional materials for grades 7 to 12 on human
5 trafficking prevention. In developing the model curriculum and instructional
6 materials, the state superintendent shall ensure that the information is
7 age-appropriate, as defined in s. 118.019 (1m) (a), at each grade level and that the
8 curriculum includes instruction related to Internet safety.

9 **SECTION 2.** 118.07 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

10 118.07 **(6)** Each school board shall require every full-time employee of the
11 school district governed by the school board who is required by the state
12 superintendent under s. 115.28 (7) to hold a certificate, license, or permit to receive
13 training provided by the department in identifying children who are or who are at
14 risk of being victims of trafficking of a child under s. 948.051. A school district
15 employee shall receive that training within the first 6 months after commencing
16 full-time employment with the school district and at least once every 5 years after
17 that initial training.

18 **SECTION 3.** 121.02 (1) (L) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

19 121.02 **(1)** (L) 9. In grades 7 to 12, provide age-appropriate instruction in
20 human trafficking prevention that is consistent with the model curriculum
21 developed under s. 115.28 (55v) or a curriculum that is substantially similar to the
22 model curriculum developed under s. 115.28 (55v).

23 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

