

# State of Wisconsin



2013 Assembly Bill 768

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## 2013 WISCONSIN ACT 265

AN ACT to amend 19.32 (1) and 939.22 (22); and to create 175.42 of the statutes; relating to: authorizing Marquette University to create a police department and employ university police officers.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 19.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19.32 (1) "Authority" means any of the following having custody of a record: a state or local office, elected official, agency, board, commission, committee, council, department or public body corporate and politic created by constitution, law, ordinance, rule or order; a governmental or quasi-governmental corporation except for the Bradley center sports and entertainment corporation; a local exposition district under subch. II of ch. 229; a long-term care district under s. 46.2895; any court of law; the assembly or senate; a nonprofit corporation which receives more than 50% of its funds from a county or a municipality, as defined in s. 59.001 (3), and which provides services related to public health or safety to the county or municipality; a university police department under s. 175.42; or a formally constituted subunit of any of the foregoing.

**SECTION 2.** 175.42 of the statutes is created to read:  
**175.42 Marquette University police department.**

(1) In this section:

(a) "University" means Marquette University.

(b) "University police officer" means an officer who is employed by the university police department, who has met the requirements of s. 165.85 (4) (b) 1., (bn) 1., and

(c), and who has agreed to accept the duties of a law enforcement officer under the laws of this state.

(2) (a) The university may enter into an agreement with the attorney general or with the city of Milwaukee police department to establish a university police department and employ university police officers for the purposes of maintaining public order, detecting and preventing crime, and enforcing state laws and local ordinances on the grounds of the university and in adjacent areas, as provided for in the agreement. The agreement establishing the university police department is subject to review under s. 62.50 (1m) by the board of fire and police commissioners.

(b) 1. Subject to the terms of the agreement under par. (a), university police officers have the same powers as law enforcement officers employed by the city of Milwaukee to maintain public order, to detect and prevent crime, to enforce state laws and local ordinances, and to make arrests for violations of state laws and local ordinances.

2. The law enforcement powers under subd. 1. of university police officers shall be concurrent with other law enforcement officers.

3. Subject to the terms of the agreement under par. (a), the university may assign additional duties to the university police department, including the enforcement of university regulations.

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

(c) The university police department shall do all of the following:

1. Ensure that each university police officer meets the requirements of s. 165.85 (4) (b) 1., (bn) 1., and (c) and has agreed to accept the duties of a law enforcement officer under the laws of this state.

2. Adopt and implement written policies regarding law enforcement activities and rendering aid or assistance under this section, including a policy on notification to and cooperation with a law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which arrests are made.

3. Maintain liability insurance, and present evidence of the insurance to the department of justice, that does all of the following:

a. Covers the university and university police officers for acts and omissions under sub. (4).

b. Has a limit of coverage not less than \$2,000,000 for any occurrence.

c. Provides that the insurer, in defending a claim against the policy, may not raise the defense of sovereign immunity of the insured up to the limits of the policy.

(3) For purposes of civil and criminal liability, a university police officer may, when in fresh pursuit, follow anywhere in the state and arrest any person for violation of the laws of this state, if the conditions of sub. (2) (c) are

met.

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in an agreement under sub. (2) (a), the university is liable for all acts and omissions of a university police officer while acting under this section, and neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state may be held liable for any action of a university police officer taken under the authority of this section. For purposes of civil and criminal liability, a university police officer acting under this section is considered to be acting in an official capacity.

(b) The university shall pay in full any judgment in which the university and the state or a political subdivision of the state are found jointly and severally liable for any act of a university police officer taken under this section and shall reimburse the state or political subdivision for all reasonable attorneys fees and expenses incurred in defending the action.

**SECTION 3.** 939.22 (22) of the statutes is amended to read:

939.22 (22) "Peace officer" means any person vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for crime, whether that duty extends to all crimes or is limited to specific crimes. "Peace officer" includes a commission warden and a university police officer, as defined in s. 175.42 (1) (b).

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