



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 691

September 26, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives GRIGSBY, BENEDICT, BERCEAU, BLACK, BOYLE, FIELDS, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN, SINICKI, TRAVIS, WASSERMAN and YOUNG, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to create** 118.019 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** providing notice of
2 abstinence only education.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires each school board that receives federal funding to provide a program of abstinence only education (the teaching of abstaining from sexual activity outside marriage) or that elects to provide such a program to notify each pupil's parent or guardian of these facts. The notice must also state that abstinence only education does not teach pupils how to prevent pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, other than by remaining abstinent, and that a pupil, at the request of his or her parent or guardian, may be excused from abstinence only education and may not be subject to discipline or academic penalty as a result.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.019 (6) of the statutes is created to read:
4 118.019 (6) NOTICE ABOUT ABSTINENCE ONLY EDUCATION. (a) In this subsection,
5 “abstinence only education” has the meaning given for “abstinence education” in 42
6 USC 710 (b) (2).

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1 (b) Each school board that receives federal funding to provide a program of
2 abstinence only education or that elects to provide such a program, shall, at the
3 beginning of each school year, send a written notice to each pupil's parent or guardian
4 that contains all of the following statements:

5 1. The pupil is receiving abstinence only education.

6 2. Abstinence only education does not teach pupils how to prevent pregnancy
7 and sexually transmitted infections, such as human immunodeficiency virus and
8 acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, other than by remaining abstinent.

9 3. At the written request of the parent or guardian under sub. (4), the school
10 board shall excuse the pupil from instruction in abstinence only education.

11 (c) A pupil excused under par. (b) 3. is not subject to discipline or academic
12 penalty.

13 (END)