

1985 Assembly Bill 519

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1985 Wisconsin Act 213

AN ACT to create 115.367 and 118.01 (2) (d) 8 of the statutes, relating to requiring school boards to provide instruction to pupils in protective behaviors and directing the department of public instruction to train public and private school staff and assist public and private schools in developing protective behaviors programs.

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

SECTION 1. 115.367 of the statutes is created to read:

115.367 Assistance to schools for protective behaviors programs. (1) The purpose of this section is to enable and encourage public and private schools to develop protective behaviors programs and anti-offender behavior programs designed to assist minors and their parents or guardians in recognizing, avoiding, preventing and halting physically or psychologi-

cally intrusive or abusive situations that may be harmful to minors.

(2) The department, in conjunction with the department of health and social services, and after consulting with established organizations providing services with a focus on children of risk, shall:

(a) Develop and conduct protective behaviors training programs for the professional staff of public and private schools and counties under ss. 46.034, 46.22, 46.23, 49.51, 51.42 and 51.437. The training programs shall include information on how to assist a minor and his or her parent or guardian in recogniz-

ing, avoiding, preventing and halting physically or psychologically intrusive or abusive situations that may be harmful to the minor, including child abuse, sexual abuse and child enticement. The training programs shall emphasize how to help minors to develop positive psychological, emotional and problem-solving responses to such situations, and to avoid relying on negative, fearful or solely reactive methods of dealing with such situations. The training programs shall also include information on the detection, by other minors, their parents or guardians and school staff, of conditions that indicate that a minor is being or has been subjected to such situations; the proper action to take when there is reason to believe that a minor is being or has been subjected to such situations; and the coordination of school protective behaviors programs and activities with programs and activities of other state and local agencies. Persons other than the professional staff of public and private schools and counties under ss. 46.034, 46.22, 46.23, 49.51, 51.42 and 51.437 may attend the training programs. The department may charge such persons a fee sufficient to cover the increased costs of materials, but not personnel cost, to the department of their participation in the

programs. The department may not deny any resident of Wisconsin the opportunity to participate in a program if the person is unable to pay any fee.

(b) Provide consultation and technical assistance to public and private schools for the development and implementation of protective behaviors programs and the coordination of those programs with programs of other state and local agencies.

SECTION 2. 118.01 (2) (d) 8 of the statutes is created to read:

118.01 (2) (d) 8. Knowledge of effective means by which pupils may recognize, avoid, prevent and halt physically or psychologically intrusive or abusive situations which may be harmful to pupils, including child abuse, sexual abuse and child enticement. Instruction shall be designed to help pupils develop positive psychological, emotional and problem-solving responses to such situations and avoid relying on negative, fearful or solely reactive methods of dealing with such situations. Instruction shall include information on available school and community prevention and intervention assistance or services and shall be provided to pupils in elementary schools.

SECTION 3. **Program responsibility changes.** In the sections of the statutes listed in Column A, the program responsibilities references shown in Column B are deleted and the program responsibilities references shown in Column C are inserted:

A	B	C
Statute Sections 15.191 (intro.)	References Deleted none	References Inserted 115.367

SECTION 4. **Effective date.** This act takes effect on July 1, 1988.

