



2001 SENATE BILL 480

February 28, 2002 - Introduced by Senator M. MEYER. Referred to Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 101.14 (4) (b) 3.; and *to create* 101.14 (4) (b)
2 3. c., d., e. and f. of the statutes; **relating to:** automatic fire sprinkler systems
3 in certain residence halls and other student residential facilities and granting
4 rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, all University of Wisconsin System (U.W. System) residence halls and dormitories over 60 feet tall that were constructed before April 26, 2000, must be fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor before January 1, 2006. This bill creates a similar requirement applicable to residence halls and dormitories of other institutions of higher education and certain other student residential facilities. Under this bill, all residence halls and dormitories that are over 60 feet tall, that are owned or operated by an institution of higher education other than the U.W. System, and that are constructed before the bill becomes law must be fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor by January 1, 2008. In addition, all student residential facilities that are operated by fraternities, sororities, or other organizations authorized or sponsored by an institution of higher education, that are constructed before the date on which the bill becomes law must be fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor by January 1, 2008.

Under current law, all U.W. System residence halls and dormitories that are constructed on or after April 26, 2000, must be fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor during construction. This bill creates a similar requirement applicable to residence halls and dormitories of other institutions of higher education

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and certain other student residential facilities. Under this bill, all residence halls and dormitories that are owned or operated by an institution of higher education other than the U.W. System and all student residential facilities that are operated by fraternities, sororities, or other organizations authorized or sponsored by an institution of higher education, that are constructed on or after the date on which the bill becomes law must be fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor during construction.

For further information see the *state* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 101.14 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (4) (b) 3.
2 (intro.) and amended to read:

3 101.14 (4) (b) 3. (intro.) The rules of the department shall require every all of
4 the following:

5 a. Every residence hall and dormitory over 60 feet in height, the initial
6 construction of which was begun before April 26, 2000, that is owned or operated by
7 the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System to contain an automatic
8 fire sprinkler system on each floor by January 1, 2006. ~~Notwithstanding par. (e) 1.,~~
9 ~~the rules of the department shall further require every~~

10 b. Every residence hall and dormitory, the initial construction of which is begun
11 on or after April 26, 2000, that is owned or operated by the board of regents of the
12 University of Wisconsin System to have an automatic fire sprinkler system installed
13 on each floor at the time the residence hall or dormitory is constructed.

14 **SECTION 2.** 101.14 (4) (b) 3. c., d., e. and f. of the statutes are created to read:

15 101.14 (4) (b) 3. c. Every residence hall and dormitory over 60 feet in height,
16 the initial construction of which was begun before the effective date of this subd. 3.
17 c. [revisor inserts date], that is owned or operated by an institution of higher

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1 education, other than a residence hall or dormitory that is owned or operated by the
2 board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to contain an automatic fire
3 sprinkler system on each floor by January 1, 2008.

4 d. Every residence hall and dormitory, the initial construction of which is begun
5 on or after the effective date of this subd. 3. d. [revisor inserts date], that is owned
6 or operated by an institution of higher education, other than a residence hall or
7 dormitory that is owned or operated by the board of regents of the University of
8 Wisconsin System, to have an automatic fire sprinkler system installed on each floor
9 at the time the residence hall or dormitory is constructed.

10 e. Every student residential facility operated by a fraternity, sorority, or other
11 organization authorized or sponsored by an institution of higher education, the
12 initial construction of which was begun before the effective date of this subd. 3. e.
13 [revisor inserts date], to contain an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor by
14 January 1, 2008.

15 f. Every student residential facility operated by a fraternity, sorority, or other
16 organization authorized or sponsored by an institution of higher education, the
17 initial construction of which is begun on or after the effective date of this subd. 3. f.
18 [revisor inserts date], to have an automatic fire sprinkler system installed on each
19 floor at the time the facility is constructed.

20 (END)