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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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**2019 Wisconsin Act 138**  
[2019 Assembly Bill 581]

**Physical Therapy Students**

### **PRIOR LAW**

Under prior law, physical therapy students and physical therapy assistant students were authorized to assist a physical therapist in the practice of physical therapy procedures and related tasks, if the assistance was within the scope of the student's education and training.

### **2019 WISCONSIN ACT 138**

The act provides instead that physical therapy students and physical therapy assistant students may perform physical therapy procedures and related tasks, if doing so is within the scope of the student's education and training. The act also authorizes the Physical Therapy Examining Board to promulgate rules related to the supervision of students who perform physical therapy procedures and related tasks.

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