



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 220
[2005 Senate Bill 259]

**Eliminating School District and
DPI Requirements; DOA
Information Technology Standards;
and City Health Departments**

2005 Wisconsin Act 220 relates to school board and Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requirements; Department of Administration (DOA) information technology standards; and city health departments' ability to retain "local health department" status.

School Board and DPI Requirements

The Act eliminates various school board and DPI requirements, as follows:

1. Eliminates the requirement that a school board adopt rules prohibiting a pupil from using or possessing a paging or two-way communication device while on school premises, subject to certain exceptions as permitted by the school board. The Act allows, but does not require, a school board to adopt rules prohibiting a pupil from using or possessing an electronic communication device while on school premises.
2. Eliminates the requirement that each public and private school file a report annually pertaining to fire drills with the Department of Commerce and with the local fire department. The Act requires each public and private school to keep a record of each fire drill for at least seven years.
3. Eliminates the requirement that a school board report school bus accidents to DPI.
4. Eliminates the requirement that a school district report to DPI when a school district contracts with another school district to acquire or use the latter district's facilities or equipment, but does require a school board to adopt a policy about such contracts.
5. Eliminates the requirement that a school board annually adopt a policy on access to extracurricular and recreational school programs and activities.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

6. Eliminates the requirement that DPI coordinate the exchange of teachers.
7. Eliminates the requirement that DPI promote public awareness of, access to, and training of health professionals for rural and underserved urban areas.
8. Eliminates the requirement that school boards maintain a mailbox for each school located on a rural mail route.
9. Eliminates the requirement that DPI report to the Legislature every three years on all cooperative educational service agency programs and services.

DOA Information Technology Standards

The Act requires the DOA to prescribe standards for data, application, and business process integration for use by executive branch agencies, to the extent consistent with the statewide strategic plan for information technology, and that enable local governmental units to integrate their data, application, and business processes into state systems whenever feasible.

City Health Departments' Ability to Retain "Local Health Department" Status

The Act expands the definition of "local health department" to include a city health department that forms a joint health department with another city or county and later withdraws after giving statutorily-specified written notice at least one year prior to commencement of the fiscal year at which the withdrawal takes effect. Under the Act, the city health department's withdrawal from the city-city or city-county health department would not cause it to lose its "local health department" status.

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