



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
ACT MEMO**

**2015 Wisconsin Act 92**  
[2015 Senate Bill 217]

**School Board Members Serving as  
Volunteer Coaches or  
Extracurricular Activity Supervisors**

Under the common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, a person may not hold two or more public positions when the duties of each position might conflict or when one position is superior to the other.

**2015 Wisconsin Act 92** creates a limited exception to the doctrine of incompatibility of offices for school board members. Under the Act, a school board member may hold a position as a volunteer coach or as an extracurricular activity supervisor if the following conditions are met: (1) the school board member is not compensated for serving as a coach or activity supervisor; (2) the school board member abstains from voting on any issue that substantially and directly relates to the activity coached or supervised; and (3) the school board member completes a criminal background check. Under the Act, a school board member who serves as a volunteer coach or extracurricular activity supervisor may vote on the school district's annual budget.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.