



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 772

January 28, 2004 - Introduced by Representatives RICHARDS, UNDERHEIM, SINICKI, BERCEAU, GIELOW, HINES, JESKEWITZ, KRUG, J. LEHMAN, MILLER, PLOUFF, POPE-ROBERTS, SHILLING, STASKUNAS, TAYLOR and TURNER, cosponsored by Senators PLALE, CARPENTER and MOORE. Referred to Committee on Education Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 895.48 (1m); *to renumber and amend* 146.89 (1); *to*
2 *amend* 146.89 (2) (a), 146.89 (2) (c), 146.89 (2) (d), 146.89 (3) (b) (intro.), 146.89
3 (3) (c) and 146.89 (3) (d) (intro.); and *to create* 146.89 (1) (d), 146.89 (1) (g),
4 146.89 (1) (h), 146.89 (3m) and 895.48 (1m) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:**
5 expanding the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program to include provision of
6 services to students from 4-year-old kindergarten to grade 6 in public
7 elementary schools, charter schools, and private schools that participate in the
8 Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if the Department of Administration (DOA) has approved a joint application of a health care provider and a nonprofit agency, the health care provider acting within the scope of his or her licensure or certification may provide, without charge to low-income, uninsured persons at the agency, diagnostic tests, health education, office visits, patient advocacy, prescriptions, information about available health care resources, referrals to health care specialists, and, for dentists, simple tooth extractions and necessary related suturing. The health care provider, for the provision of these services, is a state agent of the Department of Health and Family Services; as such, for a civil action arising out of an act committed in the

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lawful course of the health care provider's duties, certain time limitations for filing the action apply, legal counsel is provided to the health care provider, judgments against the health care provider are paid by the state, and amounts recoverable are capped at \$250,000.

This bill expands the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program to authorize provision of services, without charge, from four-year-old kindergarten to grade six in a public elementary school, a charter school, or a private school participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP), if DOA approves the joint application of a health care provider and a school board or the governing body of a charter school or a private school participating in MPCP. After providing to the school board or relevant governing body proof of satisfactory completion of any relevant competency requirements, the volunteer health care provider may provide without charge to students from four-year-old kindergarten to grade six of the school, regardless of income, diagnostic tests; health education; information about available health care resources; office visits; patient advocacy; referrals to health care specialists; first aid for illness or injury; in compliance with the written instructions of a pupil's parent or guardian, the administration of any drug, other than a contraceptive drug, that may lawfully be sold over the counter; health screenings; any other health care services designated by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI); and, for dentists, simple tooth extractions and necessary related suturing. However, the volunteer health care provider may not provide emergency medical services, hospitalization, or surgery, except as designated by DPI by rule, and may not provide abortion referrals, contraceptives, or pregnancy tests.

For further information see the *state and local* 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.** 146.89 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 146.89 (1) (intro.) and
2 amended to read:

3 146.89 (1) (intro.) In this section, ~~“volunteer:~~

4 (r) “Volunteer health care provider” means an individual who is licensed as a
5 physician under ch. 448, dentist under ch. 447, registered nurse, practical nurse, or
6 nurse-midwife under ch. 441, optometrist under ch. 449, or physician assistant
7 under ch. 448 or certified as a dietitian under subch. V of ch. 448 and who receives
8 no income from the practice of that health care profession or who receives no income

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1 from the practice of that health care profession when providing services at the
2 nonprofit agency or school specified under sub. (3).

3 **SECTION 2.** 146.89 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

4 146.89 (1) (d) "Governing body" means the governing body of any of the
5 following:

6 1. A charter school, as defined in s. 115.001 (1).

7 2. A private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3r), that participates in the
8 Milwaukee Parental Choice Program under s. 119.23.

9 **SECTION 3.** 146.89 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

10 146.89 (1) (g) "School" means any of the following:

11 1. A public elementary school.

12 2. A charter school, as defined in s. 115.001 (1).

13 3. A private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3r), that participates in the
14 Milwaukee Parental Choice Program under s. 119.23

15 **SECTION 4.** 146.89 (1) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

16 146.89 (1) (h) "School board" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (7).

17 **SECTION 5.** 146.89 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 146.89 (2) (a) A volunteer health care provider may participate under this
19 section only if he or she submits a joint application with a nonprofit agency, school
20 board, or governing body to the department of administration and that department
21 approves the application. If the volunteer health care provider submits a joint
22 application with a school board or governing body, the application shall include a
23 statement by the school board or governing body that certifies that the volunteer
24 health care provider has received materials that specify school board or governing
25 body policies concerning the provision of health care services to students and has

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1 agreed to comply with the policies. The department of administration shall provide
2 application forms for use under this paragraph.

3 **SECTION 6.** 146.89 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 146.89 (2) (c) The department of administration shall notify the volunteer
5 health care provider and the nonprofit agency, school board, or governing body of the
6 department's decision to approve or disapprove the application.

7 **SECTION 7.** 146.89 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 146.89 (2) (d) Approval of an application of a volunteer health care provider is
9 valid for one year. If a volunteer health care provider wishes to renew approval, he
10 or she shall submit a joint renewal application with a nonprofit agency, school board,
11 or governing body to the department of administration. The department of
12 administration shall provide renewal application forms that are developed by the
13 department of health and family services and that include questions about the
14 activities that the individual has undertaken as a volunteer health care provider in
15 the previous 12 months.

16 **SECTION 8.** 146.89 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 146.89 (3) (b) (intro.) ~~The~~ Under this section, the nonprofit agency may provide
18 the following health care services:

19 **SECTION 9.** 146.89 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 146.89 (3) (c) ~~The~~ Under this section, the nonprofit agency may not provide
21 emergency medical services, hospitalization, or surgery, except as provided in par.
22 (b) 8.

23 **SECTION 10.** 146.89 (3) (d) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 146.89 (3) (d) (intro.) ~~The~~ Under this section, the nonprofit agency shall provide
2 health care services primarily to low-income persons who are uninsured and who are
3 not recipients of any of the following:

4 **SECTION 11.** 146.89 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 146.89 (3m) All of the following apply to a volunteer health care provider whose
6 joint application with a school board or relevant governing body is approved under
7 sub. (2):

8 (a) Before providing health care services in a school, the volunteer health care
9 provider shall provide to the school board or relevant governing body proof of
10 satisfactory completion of any competency requirements that are relevant to the
11 volunteer health care provider, as specified by the department of public instruction
12 by rule.

13 (b) Under this section, the volunteer health care provider may provide only to
14 students from 4-year-old kindergarten to grade 6 the following health care services:

15 1. Except as specified in par. (c), the health care services specified in sub. (3)

16 (b) 1. to 5., 7., and 8.

17 2. First aid for illness or injury.

18 3. Except as specified in par. (c), the administration of drugs, as specified in s.

19 118.29 (2) (a) 1. to 3.

20 4. Health screenings.

21 5. Any other health care services designated by the department of public
22 instruction by rule.

23 (c) Under this section, the volunteer health care provider may not provide any
24 of the following:

25 1. Emergency medical services.

