2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 691

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1   AN ACT *to create* 115.28 (44), 118.018 and 121.02 (1) (L) 1m. of the statutes;

2   **relating to:** requiring sexual abuse prevention education.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop, by the beginning of the 2017–18 school year, a child sexual abuse prevention policy and instructional program to be provided to pupils in grades kindergarten through grade six. DPI must include in the program an age-appropriate curriculum to provide pupils with the knowledge and tools to escape from a sexual abuse situation and communicate incidents of sexual abuse. Each school board must adopt and administer either DPI's program or its own policy or program beginning in the 2017–18 school year.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3   SECTION 1. 115.28 (44) of the statutes is created to read:

4   115.28 **(44)** MODEL POLICY ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION. (a)

5   By the beginning of the 2017–18 school year, prepare, adopt, and make available to

6   each school district a policy governing child sexual abuse prevention and develop an

1   instructional program appropriate for pupils in kindergarten through grade 6. The

2   state superintendent shall incorporate the instructional program into its model

3   health problems education curriculum.

4   (b) Develop, in consultation with the department of children and families, a

5   parental involvement component to be incorporated into the child sexual abuse

6   prevention education instructional program.

7   SECTION 2. 118.018 of the statutes is created to read:

8   **118.018 Sexual abuse prevention education.** **(1)** Beginning in the

9   2017–18 school year, each school board shall provide a child sexual abuse prevention

10   instructional program to pupils in kindergarten through grade 6. The school board

11   shall either adopt and administer the policy and instructional program under s.

12   115.28 (44), or develop and administer its own child sexual abuse prevention

13   education program.

14   **(2)** The school board shall include all of the following in the instructional

15   program under sub. (1):

16   (a) Developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive, and evidence–based

17   instruction for each grade level.

18   (b)   Age–appropriate curriculum that includes role–playing, discussion,

19   activities, and books to educate students regarding child sexual abuse prevention.

20   (c)   Instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to

21   communicate incidents of sexual abuse.

22   (d) Instruction on how to distinguish between a safe touch and an unsafe touch

23   and between safe secrets and unsafe secrets.

24   (e) Instruction on how to escape from and report a sexual abuse situation.

1   (f) Techniques to recognize child sexual abuse, skills to reduce vulnerability,

2   and encouragement to report child sexual abuse.

3   **(3)** As part of the instructional program, the school board shall provide parents

4   with information about child sexual abuse topics, including how to identify

5   characteristics and behaviors of offenders, warning signs of child sexual abuse, and

6   how to discuss child sexual abuse prevention with children.

7   **SECTION 3.** 121.02 (1) (L) 1m. of the statutes is created to read:

8   121.02 **(1)** (L) 1m. Beginning in the 2017–18 school year, annually provide a

9   child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for pupils in kindergarten

10   through grade 6. The school board shall provide a sequential instructional program

11   and shall provide at least one instructional session in each grade.

12   **(END)**