



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 341

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1 **AN ACT to renumber** 165.72 (1) (a); **to amend** 165.72 (title) and 165.72 (2)
2 (intro.); and **to create** 165.72 (1) (ad), 165.72 (2) (c), 165.72 (2g) and 165.72 (2m)
3 of the statutes; **relating to:** a hotline in the department of justice for the
4 reporting of information regarding dangerous weapons in public schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of justice (DOJ) is required to maintain a toll-free telephone number during business hours for persons to provide information regarding suspected violations of laws concerning controlled substances. This bill requires DOJ to maintain a single toll-free telephone number both for information regarding suspected controlled substances law violations and for persons to provide information anonymously regarding dangerous weapons in public schools. The bill further requires DOJ to maintain a telephone answering system or service to receive calls made outside business hours. The system or service must relay a message requesting that persons calling regarding dangerous weapons in schools call "911" or the local law enforcement agency. The bill also provides that immediately upon receiving any information regarding dangerous weapons in a public school, or immediately the next business day if the call is received outside business hours, DOJ is required to forward the information to the administration of the public school and the appropriate law enforcement agency for the municipality in which the public school is located.

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For further information see the *state* 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.** 165.72 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **165.72** (title) **Controlled Dangerous weapons in public schools and**
3 **controlled substances hotline and rewards for controlled substances tips.**

4 **SECTION 2.** 165.72 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 165.72 (1) (aj).

5 **SECTION 3.** 165.72 (1) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

6 165.72 (1) (ad) “Dangerous weapon” has the meaning given in s. 939.22 (10).

7 **SECTION 4.** 165.72 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 165.72 (2) **HOTLINE.** (intro.) The department of justice shall maintain a single
9 toll-free telephone number during normal retail business hours, as determined by
10 departmental rule, for both all of the following:

11 **SECTION 5.** 165.72 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

12 165.72 (2) (c) For persons to provide information anonymously regarding
13 dangerous weapons in public schools.

14 **SECTION 6.** 165.72 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:

15 165.72 (2g) **AFTER-HOURS MESSAGE FOR CALLS CONCERNING DANGEROUS WEAPONS**
16 **IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** If a call is made after normal retail business hours to the
17 telephone number maintained under sub. (2), the department of justice shall provide
18 for the call to be received by a telephone answering system or service. The telephone
19 answering system or service shall provide a message that requests the person calling
20 to call the telephone number “911” or a local law enforcement agency, if the person
21 is calling to provide information regarding dangerous weapons in a public school.

