

1979 Assembly Bill 3

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CHAPTER 53, Laws of 1979

AN ACT to amend 118.01 (1) and 119.22 (1) of the statutes, relating to use of a foreign language for instruction in elementary schools.

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

SECTION 1. 118.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.01 (1) FUNDAMENTAL COURSE. Reading, writing, spelling, English grammar and composition, geography, arithmetic, elements of agriculture and conservation of natural resources, history and civil government of the United States and of Wisconsin, citizenship and such other subjects as the school board determines shall be taught in every elementary school. All instruction shall be in the English language, except in those:

(a) Those programs established under subch. VI of ch. 115 where instruction shall be in the English language and in the non-English language of the bilingual-bicultural education program, and except that the

(b) The school board may cause any foreign language to be taught to such pupils as who desire it.

(c) The school board may cause any course to be taught in a foreign language if the purpose is to facilitate the instruction of English speaking pupils in that language.

SECTION 2. 119.22 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

119.22 (1) ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. Courses in reading, writing, spelling, English, grammar and composition, geography, arithmetic, elements of agriculture and conservation of natural resources, history and civil government of the United States and of Wisconsin, physical education, sanitation, physiology and hygiene, the effects of controlled substances under ch. 161 and alcohol upon the human system, symptoms of disease, proper care of the body and such other subjects as the board determines shall be included in the course of study in elementary schools in order to obtain the objectives identified by the board under s. 119.16 (1). If ~~his~~ a pupil's parent files with the teacher written objection thereto, no pupil is required to take instruction in physiology and hygiene, in the effects of controlled substances and alcohol and in symptoms of disease. A foreign language may be used for instruction in any course if the purpose is to facilitate the instruction of English speaking pupils in that language or if the use of the foreign language is pursuant to a program established under subch. VI of ch. 115.
