



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 229

March 27, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, RYBA and BOYLE.  
Referred to Joint committee on Information Policy.

1     **AN ACT to create** 36.38, 38.12 (12), 39.49, 118.39 and 175.22 of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** written policies on entering locker rooms being used by athletic  
3             teams representing certain schools or by professional athletic teams.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires each school board, private school, technical college district board, institution and center within the University of Wisconsin System, private institution of higher education, and professional athletic team that has its home field or arena in this state, to adopt a written policy on who may enter and remain in a locker room used by the school or team for the purpose of interviewing or seeking information from any person. The policy must reflect the privacy interests of the members of the teams representing the school or the professional athletic team.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 36.38 of the statutes is created to read:  
5             **36.38 Policy on privacy in athletic locker rooms.** Each institution and  
6             center within the system shall adopt a written policy on who may enter and remain,

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1 for the purpose of interviewing or seeking information from any person, in a locker  
2 room being used by an athletic team representing the institution or center. The  
3 policy shall reflect the privacy interests of members of athletic teams representing  
4 the institution or center.

5 **SECTION 2.** 38.12 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

6 **38.12 (12) POLICY ON PRIVACY IN ATHLETIC LOCKER ROOMS.** The district board shall  
7 adopt a written policy on who may enter and remain, for the purpose of interviewing  
8 or seeking information from any person, in a locker room being used by an athletic  
9 team representing the district. The policy shall reflect the privacy interests of  
10 members of athletic teams representing the district.

11 **SECTION 3.** 39.49 of the statutes is created to read:

12 **39.49 Policy on privacy in athletic locker rooms. (1)** In this section,  
13 “institution of higher education” means a private educational institution that  
14 awards a bachelor’s or higher degree or provides a program that is acceptable for  
15 credit toward such a degree, and that fields an athletic team that represents the  
16 institution.

17 **(2)** Each institution of higher education shall adopt a written policy on who  
18 may enter and remain, for the purpose of interviewing or seeking information from  
19 any person, in a locker room being used by an athletic team representing the  
20 institution. The policy shall reflect the privacy interests of members of athletic  
21 teams representing the institution.

22 **SECTION 4.** 118.39 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **118.39 Policy on privacy in athletic locker rooms.** Each school board, and  
24 the governing body of each private school that fields an athletic team representing  
25 the school, shall adopt a written policy on who may enter and remain, for the purpose

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1 of interviewing or seeking information from any person, in a locker room being used  
2 by an athletic team representing the private school or representing a public school  
3 in the school district. The policy shall reflect the privacy interests of members of  
4 athletic teams representing the school.

5 **SECTION 5.** 175.22 of the statutes is created to read:

6 **175.22 Policy on privacy for professional athletic teams.** Any  
7 professional athletic team that has its home field or arena in this state shall adopt  
8 a written policy on who may enter and remain, for the purpose of interviewing or  
9 seeking information from any person, in a locker room used by the professional  
10 athletic team. The policy shall reflect the privacy interests of members of the  
11 professional athletic team.

12 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

13 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after  
14 publication.

15 (END)