



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 601

November 24, 1999 – Introduced by Representative BLACK. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.02 of the statutes; **relating to:** observing James Madison's
2 birthday.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires schools to observe certain days, such as the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The bill requires schools to observe the birthday of James Madison, on March 16.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.02 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **118.02 Special observance days.** On the following days when school is held
5 the day shall be appropriately observed: January 15, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
6 Day; February 12; February 15, Susan B. Anthony's birthday; February 22; March
7 4, Casimir Pulaski Day; March 16, James Madison's birthday; April 13, American
8 Creed Day; April 22, Environmental Awareness Day; September 16, Mildred Fish
9 Harnack Day; September 17, U.S. Constitution Day; September 28, Frances Willard

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1 Day; October 9, Leif Erikson Day; October 12; November 11; and Wednesday of the
2 3rd week in September, as part of Wonderful Wisconsin Week under s. 14.16 (8),
3 Wisconsin Day. If any such day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the observance shall
4 be on a school day immediately preceding or following. If school is held on June 14,
5 that day shall be appropriately observed as Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Day. If the
6 governor by proclamation sets apart one day to be designated as Arbor and Bird Day,
7 under s. 14.16 (1), that day shall be appropriately observed; otherwise, the last
8 Friday in April shall be observed as Arbor Day.

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