

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 624

December 30, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, KREUSER, GRONEMUS, MUSSER and SYKORA. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

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.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires each school board, private school, technical college district board, institution and two-year collegiate campus of 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 to interview or seek 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.

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 college campus shall adopt a written policy on who may enter and remain, to

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1 interview or seek information from any person, in a locker room being used by an
2 athletic team representing the institution or college campus. The policy shall reflect
3 the privacy interests of members of athletic teams representing the institution or
4 college campus.

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, to interview or seek information
8 from any person, in a locker room being used by an athletic team representing the
9 district. The policy shall reflect the privacy interests of members of athletic teams
10 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, to interview or seek information from any person, in a locker
19 room being used by an athletic team representing the institution. The policy shall
20 reflect the privacy interests of members of athletic teams representing the
21 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, to interview

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

11 **SECTION 6. Effective date.**

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

14 (END)