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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 922

March 17, 1998 – Introduced by Representatives Grothman, Reynolds, Albers, Baumgart, Duff, Gard, Gretsch, Green, Gronemus, Hahn, Handrick, Harsdorf, Hasenohrl, Hoven, Jeskewitz, Kelso, Klusman, Kreuser, Ladwig, Lazich, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Lorge, Olsen, Ott, Otte, Ourada, Owens, Plaie, Plouff, Porter, Robson, Ryba, Seratti, Spillner, Steinbrink, Underheim, Vander Loop, Zukowski and Jensen, cosponsored by Senators Fitzgerald, Parrow, C. Potter, Roessler and Zien. Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT to create 118.31 (7) of the statutes; relating to: criminal liability of

school personnel for corporal punishment.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits an official, employe or agent of a school board from subjecting a pupil enrolled in the school district to corporal punishment. An official, agent or employe may use reasonable and necessary force, however, to quell a disturbance, to obtain possession of a weapon, in self-defense, to protect property, to remove a disruptive pupil from the premises, to prevent a pupil from inflicting harm on himself or herself or to protect the safety of others. The use of incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control is also allowed.

Prior to September 1, 1988, when the law prohibiting corporal punishment became effective, the common law in this state recognized a teacher's authority to use reasonable corporal punishment as a disciplinary measure in the absence of a school board policy or rule to the contrary. If the teacher's conduct was reasonable, it was privileged; i.e., it was a defense to prosecution for any crime based on the conduct.

This bill provides that the enactment of the law on corporal punishment did not abrogate or restrict any statutory or common law defense to prosecution for any crime.

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

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ASSEMBLY BILL 922

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1	SECTION 1. 118.31 (7) of the statutes is created to read:
2	118.31 (7) Nothing in this section abrogates or restricts any statutory or
3	common law defense to prosecution for any crime.
4	SECTION 2. Effective date.
5	(1) This act takes effect retroactively to September 1, 1988.
6	(END)

SUBMITTAL FORM

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561 5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 1/15/99 To: Representative Grothman Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-1795 Topic Criminal liability for corporal punishment Subject(s) Criminal Law - miscellaneous, Education - miscellaneous 1. JACKET the draft for introduction in the Senate ____ or the Assembly ___ (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies. 2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated. 3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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