

## 2001 SENATE BILL 179

1 AN ACT *to create* 347.445 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring crossing gates  
2 on school buses, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

3 SECTION 1. 347.445 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **347.445 Crossing gates for school buses.** No person may operate a school  
5 bus that is painted as provided in s. 347.44 unless it is equipped with a retractable  
6 crossing gate on the front of the bus that, when in use, prevents children from  
7 crossing in front of the school bus in such proximity that they are not visible to the  
8 operator of the school bus from the operator's seat. The secretary shall prescribe  
9 rules for the specifications, installation, and operation of crossing gates required  
10 under this section.

