

2001 Senate Bill 179

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## 2001 WISCONSIN ACT 58

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

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

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

**347.445 Crossing gates for school buses.** No person may operate a school bus that is painted as provided in s. 347.44 unless it is equipped with a retractable crossing gate on the front of the bus that, when in use, prevents

children from crossing in front of the school bus in such proximity that they are not visible to the operator of the school bus from the operator's seat. The secretary shall prescribe rules for the specifications, installation, and operation of crossing gates required under this section.

**SECTION 2. Effective date.**

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 25th month beginning after publication.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1999-00 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].