



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 221
[2005 Assembly Bill 589]

Meningitis Information in Schools

2005 Wisconsin Act 221 requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to make available to school districts, private schools, and charter schools information about meningococcal disease, including the causes and symptoms of the disease, how it is spread, how to obtain additional information, and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations. DPI may do so by posting the information on its Internet site. At the beginning of every school year from 2006-07 to 2011-12, schools are required to provide parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 with the information. At the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, and every school year thereafter, schools are required to provide the information only to parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grade 6.

The Act also repeals the above requirements on DPI and schools if the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) has promulgated a rule, under its authority relating to the school immunization laws, that requires vaccinations against meningitis. If DHFS does so, it is required to notify the Revisor of Statutes, who must publish a statement to that effect in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 11, 2006 and first applies to the 2006-07 school year.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.