

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 220 [2007 Senate Bill 493]

Suicide Prevention Information

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in conjunction with the Department of Health and Family Services and the Department of Children and Families, to develop and conduct training programs in suicide prevention for the professional staff of public and private schools.

2007 Act 220 requires each school board and the governing body of each private school to annually inform their professional staff of the resources available from DPI and other sources regarding suicide prevention.

In addition, Act 220 requires DPI to annually provide school boards and governing bodies of private schools with a model notice that describes the suicide prevention services that it has developed and how staff may access these services and that school boards and governing bodies of private schools may use to inform their professional staff.

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