2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 492

August 28, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives HINES, GRIGSBY, BENEDICT, BERCEAU, BOYLE, FIELDS, HILGENBERG, HINTZ, PARISI, POPE-ROBERTS, RICHARDS, SCHNEIDER, SEIDEL, SHERIDAN, SMITH, SOLETSKI, TURNER, VRUWINK, WASSERMAN, YOUNG, POCAN and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR, WIRCH, LASSA, OLSEN, KAPANKE, CARPENTER, COGGS, ERPENBACH, KREITLOW, MILLER, ROESSLER, SULLIVAN and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Public Health.

1 AN ACT to create 118.07 (4) of the statutes; relating to: providing information about the human papillomavirus to schools and to parents of pupils in grades 6 to 12.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), in conjunction with the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), to collect information about the human papillomavirus, including the causes and symptoms of the virus, how it is spread, how it may be prevented, how to obtain additional information about the virus, and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations against the virus. The information must include the recommendations regarding the vaccine and prevention of the virus made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The bill directs DPI to make the information available to school districts, private schools, and charter schools, and requires each school board, private school, and charter school, at the beginning of each school year, to provide the information to the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 in the school district or school.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 118.07 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

118.07 (4) (a) In conjunction with the department of health and family services, the department shall collect information about the human papillomavirus, including the causes and symptoms of the virus, how it is spread, how it may be prevented, how to obtain additional information about the virus, and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations against the virus. The information shall include the recommendations regarding the vaccine and prevention of the virus made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(b) The department shall make the information collected under par. (a) available to school districts, private schools, and charter schools. The department may do so by posting the information on its Internet site.

(c) At the beginning of the 2008–09 school year, and annually thereafter, each school board and the governing body of each private school and each charter school shall provide the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 in the school district or school with the information made available under par. (b). The requirement may be satisfied by posting the information on the school district’s, private school’s, or charter school’s Internet site.

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