



2011 SENATE BILL 42

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 48.981 (2) (e); and *to create* 48.981 (2) (a) 16m. and 118.07 (5)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect by
3 school employees; training in child abuse and neglect identification, laws, and
4 procedures for those employees; and retaliation against a person who reports
5 child abuse or neglect in good faith.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

6 **SECTION 1.** 48.981 (2) (a) 16m. of the statutes is created to read:
7 48.981 (2) (a) 16m. A school employee not otherwise specified in this
8 paragraph.

9 **SECTION 2.** 48.981 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 48.981 (2) (e) No person making a report under this subsection in good faith
2 may be discharged from employment, disciplined or otherwise discriminated against
3 in regard to employment, or threatened with any such treatment for so doing.

4 **SECTION 5.** 118.07 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

5 118.07 (5) Each school board shall require every employee of the school district
6 governed by the school board to receive training provided by the department in
7 identifying children who have been abused or neglected and in the laws and
8 procedures under s. 48.981 governing the reporting of suspected or threatened child
9 abuse and neglect. A school district employee shall receive that training within the
10 first 6 months after commencing employment with the school district and at least
11 once every 5 years after that initial training.

12 **(END)**