



Before changes

2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 549

December 9, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives KOOYENGA, KLEEFISCH, HUTTON, PRIDEMORE, SANFELIPPO and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, VUKMIR, FARROW and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Urban Education.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 118.40 (2), 118.40 (2r) (b) 1. c., 118.40 (2r) (b) 3., 118.40 (2r) (c)
2 1., 118.40 (2r) (c) 3., 118.40 (2r) (cm), 118.40 (3) (a), 118.40 (7) (am) 1., 3. and 4.,
3 118.40 (7) (ar) and 118.40 (8) (a) (intro.); **to renumber** 118.40 (8) (a) 1. and 2.;
4 **to renumber and amend** 118.40 (1), 118.40 (2r) (bm), 118.40 (2r) (c) 4., 118.40
5 (4) (a), 118.40 (7) (am) 2. and 118.51 (18); **to amend** 20.923 (6) (m), 40.02 (55)
6 (intro.), 40.02 (55) (a), 111.81 (7) (f), 111.815 (1), 111.825 (2) (f), 111.92 (1) (c),
7 115.001 (1), 115.415 (3) (a) (intro.), 115.77 (8), 118.40 (title), 118.40 (1m) (a),
8 118.40 (1m) (b) 1., 2., 7., 13. and 15., 118.40 (2m) (title), 118.40 (2m) (a), 118.40
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11 (b) 4., 118.40 (2r) (d) (intro.), 118.40 (3) (b), 118.40 (3) (c) 1., 118.40 (3) (c) 2.,
12 118.40 (3) (e), 118.40 (4) (title), 118.40 (4) (b) (intro.), 118.40 (4) (c), 118.40 (5),
13 118.40 (6), 118.40 (7) (a), 119.60 (5), 121.02 (1) (a) 2., 230.08 (2) (dm), 230.35 (1s),
14 895.523 (1) (a) and 895.525 (5); **to repeal and recreate** 20.923 (6) (m), 111.815

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1 (1), 118.40 (1m) (title) and 118.40 (3) (title); and **to create** 118.40 (1b), 118.40
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3 3., 118.40 (2r) (bm) 5., 118.40 (3) (f), 118.40 (4) (ag), 118.40 (4) (d) and 118.40 (7)
4 (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing independent charter schools,
5 eliminating noninstrumentality charter schools, establishing magnet schools,
6 replication process for certain operators of charter schools, and utilizing an
7 alternative process for educator effectiveness.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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