

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 462	Senate Amendment 1
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Senate Bill 462 prohibits an underage person with a detectable amount of alcohol concentration from being on school premises.

Current Law

Under current law, no person may possess or consume alcohol beverages on school premises; in a motor vehicle, if a pupil attending the school is in the motor vehicle; or while participating in a school-sponsored activity unless specifically permitted in writing by the school administrator consistent with applicable laws, ordinances, and school board policies.

Current law defines "school premises" as a public school, a parochial or private school, or a tribal school which provides education for one or more grades between grades one and 12.

<u>The Bill</u>

The bill provides that no underage person may be on school premises if the underage person has an alcohol concentration of more than 0.0.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the current prohibition on possessing or consuming alcohol beverages on school premises or while participating in a school-sponsored activity does not apply to alcohol used exclusively as part of a religious service. In addition, the amendment provides that the newly created provision prohibiting an underage person from being on school premises with an alcohol concentration of more than 0.0 does not apply if the alcohol concentration derives exclusively from consumption of alcohol beverages as part of a religious service.

Bill History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by the Senate Committee on Education. On February 6, 2014, the committee voted unanimously to adopt the amendment and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended.

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