2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 616

January 10, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives T. Larson, Thiesfeldt, Knudson, Pridemore, Steineke, Schraa, Bernier, Born, Craig, Jacque, Knodl, Kulp, Murphy, Tittl and Hutton, cosponsored by Senators Grothman and Lazich. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to create 118.125 (8) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting the collection of a pupil’s biometric data and the use of any device to assess a pupil’s physiological or emotional state.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a school board from collecting any biometric data from a pupil, or from using any device or mechanism to assess a pupil’s physiological or emotional state, unless the pupil’s parent or guardian consents in writing. Examples of biometric technologies are fingerprint identification, retinal scanning, and hand or palm geometry. The bill authorizes the attorney general or any district attorney to bring an action in circuit court to enforce the provision described above.

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

SECTION 1. 118.125 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

118.125 (8) BIOMETRIC DATA. No school board may collect biometric data from a pupil, or use any device or mechanism to assess a pupil’s physiological or emotional state, unless the pupil’s parent or guardian consents in writing. The attorney
general or any district attorney may bring an action in circuit court for the 
enforcement of this subsection, including an action to restrain by temporary or 
permanent injunction any violation of this subsection.

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