



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 52
[2015 Senate Bill 122]

**Notifying Parents of
Habitually Truant Pupils**

2015 Wisconsin Act 52 relates to the methods a school attendance officer may use to notify parents and guardians that their children are truant.

PRIOR LAW

A school attendance officer must notify the parent or guardian of a student who has been truant for two school days of the child's truancy. Prior law required the attendance officer to provide notice by personal contact or telephone call, and after this type of contact was attempted, then permitted notice by mail.

A school attendance officer must also notify the parent or guardian of a student who is a habitual truant, meaning the child has been truant for five or more days during a semester. Prior law required the attendance officer to provide notice by registered or certified mail.

2015 WISCONSIN ACT 52

Act 52 allows a school attendance officer to provide notice to a parent or guardian by 1st class mail. The Act also allows an attendance officer to simultaneously notify the parent or guardian of a habitually truant student by an electronic communication.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.