2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 722

January 15, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives NEYLON, HORLACHER, KREMER and R. BROOKS. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT to create 118.60 (9m), 119.23 (9m) and 120.123 of the statutes; relating to school and school district accountability report.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires each school that maintains an Internet site and for which the Department of Public Instruction has published an accountability report to prominently display a link to the school’s most recent accountability report on that school’s Internet site within 30 days after the department publishes the accountability report. The bill requires each private school participating in a parental choice program and independent charter school that maintains an Internet site to do the same.

Current law requires the department to annually, by September, publish an accountability report. The department must establish an index system and, using this index system, place each school and school district in a performance category based upon certain measures, including pupil achievement, growth, and graduation rates, for the preceding school year. Current law requires that the department include independent charter schools and private schools participating in a parental choice program in the school accountability report published in September 2016.

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

SECTION 1. 118.60 (9m) of the statutes is created to read:
118.60 (9m) Beginning in September 2016, and annually thereafter, the governing body of a private school participating in the program under this section that maintains an Internet site for the private school shall, if the private school is included in the most recent accountability report published under s. 115.385, within 30 days after the department publishes the accountability report, prominently link on the home page of that Internet site to the pages in that most recent accountability report concerning the private school.

SECTION 2. 119.23 (9m) of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (9m) Beginning in September 2016, and annually thereafter, the governing body of a private school participating in the program under this section that maintains an Internet site for the private school shall, if the private school is included in the most recent accountability report published under s. 115.385, within 30 days after the department publishes the accountability report, prominently link on the home page of that Internet site to the pages in that most recent accountability report concerning the private school.

SECTION 3. 120.123 of the statutes is created to read:

120.123 School and school district accountability reports. Beginning in September 2016, and annually thereafter, each school that maintains an Internet site shall, if the school is included in the most recent accountability report published under s. 115.385, within 30 days after the department publishes the accountability report, prominently link on the home page of that Internet site to the pages in that most recent accountability report concerning the school.

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