



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 130
[2017 Senate Bill 253]

**Prohibiting Aiding and Abetting
Sexual Abuse**

Under current law, any license granted by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction may be revoked for immoral conduct. 2017 Wisconsin Act 130 (“the Act”) provides that it is immoral conduct for a licensee to assist a school employee, contractor, or agent to obtain a new job in a school or with a local education agency if the licensee knows, or has a reasonable suspicion to believe, that the person committed a sex offense against a student or a minor.

In addition, the Act prohibits a school board, operator of a charter school, or governing body of a private school from helping a school employee, contractor, or agent obtain a new job in a school or with a local education agency if the entity knows, or has a reasonable suspicion to believe, that the person committed a sex offense against a student or a minor.

The Act specifies that it is not immoral conduct to transmit administrative personnel files, nor to assist someone after the information that forms the basis of the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of a sex offense has been properly reported to law enforcement, if law enforcement closed any resulting case or investigation without a conviction.

Effective date: The Act went into effect on December 10, 2017.

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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>.