AN ACT to amend 118.46 (1) (intro.) and 118.46 (1) (a) 5. of the statutes; relating to: the Department of Public Instruction's model school policy on bullying by pupils.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction to develop a model school policy on bullying by pupils. Under current law, DPI's model policy must contain certain components, including a procedure for investigating reports of bullying that requires notifying the parent or guardian of each pupil involved in a bullying incident. This bill requires that the parent or guardian of each pupil involved in the bullying incident be notified within 48 hours of the incident being reported to a school district employee.

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

SECTION 1. 118.46 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read: 118.46 (1) (intro.) By March 1, 2010, the department shall do all of the following:

SECTION 2. 118.46 (1) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:
118.46 (1) (a) 5. A procedure for investigating reports of bullying. The procedure shall identify the school district employee in each school who is responsible for conducting the investigation and require that the parent or guardian of each pupil involved in a bullying incident be notified within 48 hours of the incident being reported to a school district employee.


(1) MODEL POLICY ON BULLYING. The department of public instruction shall revise its model school policy on bullying under section 118.46 of the statutes to comply with this act by August 1, 2018.

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