2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 802

December 28, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives C. TAYLOR, GOYKE, YOUNG, BROSTOFF, ANDERSON, CONSIDINE and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senator L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Corrections.

AN ACT to repeal 301.20; and to amend 16.99 (3b) of the statutes; relating to:

closing the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls and

creating a plan to establish regional Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to close the juvenile correctional facilities known as the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and the Copper Lake School for Girls located in Irma, Lincoln County, within one year after the bill is signed into law. The bill also requires DOC, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families, to create a plan to establish regional Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities and submit the plan to the Joint Committee on Finance within six months after the bill is signed into law.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 16.99 (3b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.99 (3b) “Juvenile correctional facility” means the Copper Lake School and the Lincoln Hills School has the meaning given in s. 938.02 (10p).
SECTION 2. 301.20 of the statutes is repealed.


(1) CLOSURE OF LINCOLN HILLS SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND COPPER LAKE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. No later than one year after the effective date of this subsection, the department of corrections shall permanently close the Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities known as the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and the Copper Lake School for Girls in the town of Irma, Lincoln County.

(2) REGIONAL TYPE 1 JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PLAN. No later than 6 months after the effective date of this subsection, the department of corrections shall submit a plan to establish regional Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities to the joint committee on finance. In developing the plan, the department of corrections shall collaborate with the department of children and families, the counties that have historically supplied the majority of the population of the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake schools, and any counties that would house a regional Type 1 juvenile correctional facility under the plan.

SECTION 4. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The treatment of sections 16.99 (3b) and 301.20 of the statutes takes effect on the first day of the 12th month beginning after publication.