2017 SENATE BILL 444

October 12, 2017 - Introduced by Senators JOHNSON, HARSDORF, WANGGAARD, OLSEN, L TAYLOR, CARPENTER, LARSON, VINEHOUT and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives KLEEFISCH, BILLINGS, BERNIER, SPIROS, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, CROWLEY, FIELDS, GENRICH, JACQUE, KESSLER, KOLSTE, MASON, MURPHY, RIPP, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER, C. TAYLOR, TITTL, TUSLER and BROSTOFF. Referred to Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges.

1 AN ACT to create 38.04 (4) (e) 8. and 343.71 (5) (h) of the statutes; relating to:

driver education instruction on human trafficking.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Technical College System Board must approve courses of study for each program offered in technical college district schools, including driver education courses. TCSB may not approve a driver education course unless the course includes certain content, such as acquainting students with the hazards posed by farm machinery and animals on highways and by railroad grade crossings and providing instruction in safely dealing with these hazards. The Department of Transportation licenses private driver schools and DOT may not license a driver school unless its course of instruction includes the content required for TCSB approval of a driver education course.

Under this bill, technical college and licensed private driver school commercial motor vehicle driver education courses must provide instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

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:

3 SECTION 1. 38.04 (4) (e) 8. of the statutes is created to read:
38.04 (4) (e) 8. For a driver education course providing instruction in the operation of commercial motor vehicles, provides instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

SECTION 2. 343.71 (5) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

343.71 (5) (h) For a driver education course providing instruction in the operation of commercial motor vehicles, provides instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.


(1) No later than June 30, 2019, the department of justice in consultation with the technical college system board and the department of transportation shall identify and establish industry specific materials for use in the instruction required under sections 38.04 (4) (e) 8. and 343.71 (5) (h) of the statutes.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to driver education courses that begin on the effective date of this subsection.