



Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

I am vetoing 2019 Assembly Bill 806 in its entirety.

The bill would expand eligibility for placement in the serious juvenile offender program to include all offenses that, if committed by an adult, would constitute a Class G felony or higher.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to increasing the number of youths that could be placed in the serious juvenile offender program when science informs us that a punitive disposition system leads to worse outcomes. As I have said, what's best for our kids is what's best for our state, and it is vital that our efforts in reforming our criminal justice system recognize that our kids are worth much more than the worst decision they ever made. In addition, the Legislature has chosen not to provide the necessary funding for facilities to replace the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake schools. A youth offender has the greatest opportunity to redeem themselves and be rehabilitated only when the appropriate investment is made in programs and facilities that enable success.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor

State of Wisconsin



2019 Assembly Bill 806

Date of enactment:
Date of publication*:

2019 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to amend 938.34 (4h) (a) and 938.34 (4m) (b) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** acts for which a juvenile may be placed in correctional placement or the Serious Juvenile Offender Program.

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

SECTION 1. 938.34 (4h) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (4h) (a) The juvenile is 14 years of age or over and has been adjudicated delinquent for committing or conspiring to commit ~~a violation of s. 939.32 (1) (a), 940.03, 940.06, 940.21, 940.225 (1), 940.305, 940.31, 941.327 (2) (b) 4., 943.02, 943.10 (2), 943.23 (1g), 943.32 (2), 948.02 (1), 948.025 (1), or 948.30 (2) an act that would be a Class G felony or higher if committed by an adult in this state~~ or attempting a violation of s. 943.32

(2) or the juvenile is 10 years of age or over and has been adjudicated delinquent for attempting or committing a violation of s. 940.01 or for committing a violation of s. 940.02 or 940.05.

SECTION 2. 938.34 (4m) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (4m) (b) 1. The juvenile has committed a delinquent act that would be a Class G felony ~~under s. 940.01, 940.02, 940.03, 940.05, 940.19 (2) to (6), 940.21, 940.225 (1), 940.31, 941.20 (3), 943.02 (1), 943.23 (1g), 943.32 (2), 947.013 (1t), (1v) or (1x), 948.02 (1) or (2), 948.025, 948.03, or 948.085 (2) or higher if committed by an adult in this state.~~

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."