AN ACT to amend 118.125 (1) (b) of the statutes; relating to: pupil records.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, pupil records are generally confidential. One exception to this general rule applies to directory data. Directory data may be disclosed to any person if a public school notifies parents and guardians of the categories of pupil information the school has designated as directory data, informs parents and guardians of an opt out procedure for such disclosures, and provides sufficient time for parents and guardians to utilize the opt out procedure.

Under current law, the categories of pupil information included in the definition of “directory data” include the pupil’s name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance, photographs, weight and height as a member of an athletic team, degrees and awards received, and the school the pupil attended most recently. This bill adds the name of a pupil’s parents or guardians to the list of categories of pupil information that a public school may designate as directory data.

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

SECTION 1. 118.125 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
118.125 (1) (b) “Directory data” means those pupil records which include the pupil’s name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members as a member of an athletic teams team, dates of attendance, photographs, degrees and awards received, the name of the pupil’s parents or guardians, and the name of the school most recently previously attended by the pupil.

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