

State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Bill 233

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2023 WISCONSIN ACT 26

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 120.20 (2); and *to create* 120.20 (1m) and 120.20 (2) (b) of the statutes; **relating to**: allowing a school board member to serve as a volunteer school bus driver.

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

SECTION 1. 120.20 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

120.20 (1m) A school board member may serve as a volunteer school bus driver if all of the following apply:

(a) The school board member has received authorization to operate a school bus, as defined in s. 121.51 (4), from the department of transportation in the form of a school bus endorsement under s. 343.12.

(b) The school board member holds a valid commercial driver license, as defined in s. 340.01 (7m).

(c) The school board member does not receive compensation for serving as a volunteer school bus driver.

(d) The school board member agrees to abstain from voting on any issue that comes before the school board that substantially and directly concerns school bus drivers.

SECTION 2. 120.20 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 120.20 (2) (a) and amended to read:

120.20 (2) (a) ~~Subsection~~ Subsections (1) (b) and (1m) (d) may not be construed to require a school board member who is serving as a volunteer coach or supervisor, or school bus driver to abstain from voting on the school district's annual budget.

SECTION 3. 120.20 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

120.20 (2) (b) Reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with providing volunteer services is not considered compensation for purposes of sub. (1) (a) or (1m) (c). For a school board member serving as a volunteer school bus driver, any costs related to training for or renewing a commercial driver license or a school bus endorsement under s. 343.12 is considered an expense incurred in connection with providing the volunteer service.

* 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."