

1991 Senate Bill 167

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1991 WISCONSIN ACT 227

AN ACT to create 36.43, 38.04 (16) and 115.28 (31) of the statutes, relating to: accommodating a student's religious beliefs and granting rule-making authority.

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

SECTION 1. 36.43 of the statutes is created to read:

36.43 Accommodation of religious beliefs. The board shall promulgate rules providing for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to all examinations and other academic requirements. The rules shall include all of the following:

(1) Written and timely notification of all students and instructors of the rules and complaint process.

(2) A means by which a student can conveniently and confidentially notify an instructor of potential conflicts.

(3) A means by which a student is permitted to make up an examination or academic requirement at another time or by an alternative means without any prejudicial effect.

(4) A procedure for handling and resolving complaints within each center and institution.

SECTION 2. 38.04 (16) of the statutes is created to read:

38.04 (16) ACCOMMODATION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. The board shall promulgate rules, applicable to all district boards, providing for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to all examinations and other academic requirements.

SECTION 3. 115.28 (31) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (31) ACCOMMODATION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. Promulgate rules providing for the reasonable accommodation of a pupil's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to all examinations and other academic requirements.

SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions; rules. By the first day of the 5th month beginning after the effective date of this SECTION, the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin system, the board of vocational, technical and adult education and the state superintendent of public instruction shall submit, in proposed form, the rules required under this act to the legislative council staff under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes. The rules shall first apply in the 1992 fall semester.