

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 62 [2005 Assembly Bill 425]

School District Performance Reports

Background

Prior law required each school board to annually distribute, by January 1, to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school district a copy of the school district performance report (SPR) or give it to each pupil to take home. The SPR contains information, by school and by school district, on items such as: academic achievement, including scores on statewide pupil assessment examinations; various indicators of school and school district performance, including attendance data and suspension and expulsion data; certain staffing and financial data; information about use of the open enrollment program; and the method of reading instruction. The SPR also includes a comparison of the school district's performance on academic achievement and certain other indicators of performance with the performance of other school districts in the same athletic conference.

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2005 Wisconsin Act 62 does the following:

- Requires that each school board distribute or send home the SPR only upon request; provides that annually, by January 1, each school board must notify the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled of the right to request the SPR.
- Requires that, if requested, the SPR be distributed or sent home annually by May 1.
- Provides that if the school district maintains an Internet site, the SPR must be made available to the public on that site.

Effective Date: The Act included a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/.