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### 2023 Wisconsin Act 198 [2023 Senate Bill 111]

### Definition of Strip Search for Purpose of Prohibition Against Strip Searching a Pupil

Under Wisconsin law, any official, employee, or agent of a school or school district who conducts a strip search of a pupil is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. Prior law defined “strip search” to mean “a search in which a person’s genitals, pubic area, buttock or anus, or a female person’s breast, is uncovered and either is exposed to view or is touched by a person conducting the search.”

2023 Wisconsin Act 198 redefines the term “strip search” to mean “a search in which a person’s private area is uncovered and either is exposed to view or is touched by a person conducting the search.” For this purpose, “private area” is defined as “the naked or underwear-clad genitalia, anus, buttocks, or female areola or nipple.”

**Effective date:** March 24, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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