



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 256

May 8, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives MCGUIRE, WITTKE, ARNEY, BARE, BROWN, CLANCY, DESANTO, DESMIDT, GOODWIN, JOERS, JOHNSON, KNODL, MADISON, MIRESE, MURPHY, NEUBAUER, O'CONNOR, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PENTERMAN, PHELPS, PRADO, RODRIGUEZ, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SNYDER, STROUD, STUBBS, TAYLOR, TENORIO, UDELL and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, WIRCH, HABUSH SINYKIN, CARPENTER, DRAKE, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, LARSON and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 118.02 (7d) of the statutes; **relating to:** a special observance
2 day in schools for Armenian Genocide Awareness Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill adds April 24, Armenian Genocide Awareness Day, to the list of special observance days that apply to general school operations. Current law provides a list of 22 special observance days, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Susan B. Anthony's birthday; Environmental Awareness Day; Bullying Awareness Day; and Veterans Day. Under current law, a special observance day must be appropriately observed when school is held on that day or, if the day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, on the school day immediately preceding or following the special observance day.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 118.02 (7d) of the statutes is created to read:
4 118.02 (**7d**) April 24, as part of Genocide Awareness Month, Armenian
5 Genocide Awareness Day.

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SECTION 2

1 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

2 (1) This act first applies to the school year beginning after the effective date of
3 this subsection.

4 (END)