



2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 32

February 17, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives PENTERMAN, BRILL, BROOKS, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, FRANKLIN, GREEN, B. JACOBSON, KNODL, KREIBICH, MAXEY, MELOTIK, MOSES, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, TITTL, TUCKER, WICHGERS, WITTKE and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators CABRAL-GUEVARA, BRADLEY, FEYEN, NASS and TOMCZYK. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 119.04 (1); *to create* 118.40 (4) (ar) 3. and 120.12 (29) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** access to public high schools for military recruiters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

In general, federal law requires local educational agencies, such as school boards and charter schools, that receive federal assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students that the local educational agencies provide to postsecondary educational institutions or to prospective employers. This bill requires school boards and governing boards of charter schools to, in addition to complying with federal law, specifically allow military recruiters access to common areas in high schools and to allow access during a school day and to school-sanctioned events. Nothing in the bill requires a school board or governing board of a charter school to provide a military recruiter access to a high school classroom during instructional time.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 118.40 (4) (ar) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

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1 118.40 (4) (ar) 3. Allow military recruiters access to high schools operated by
2 the governing board as required under 10 USC 503 (c), except that regardless of the
3 access the governing board provides to postsecondary educational institutions or to
4 prospective employers, the governing board shall allow a military recruiter access to
5 all of the following:

6 a. Common areas of a high school building while the military recruiter visits
7 a high school for recruitment purposes.

8 b. A high school during a school day or a school-sanctioned event. Nothing in
9 this subd. 3. b. requires a school board to allow a military recruiter access to a high
10 school classroom during instructional time.

11 **SECTION 2.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),
13 66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,
14 115.345, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2), 115.415,
15 115.445, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10,
16 118.12, 118.124, 118.125 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162,
17 118.163, 118.164, 118.18, 118.19, 118.196, 118.20, 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2)
18 (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10), 118.245, 118.25, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.292,
19 118.293, 118.2935, 118.30 to 118.43, 118.46, 118.50, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55,
20 118.56, 118.58, 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5), ~~and (15) to (27)~~, and (29), 120.125, 120.13 (1),
21 (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34), (35), (37), (37m), and (38), 120.137,
22 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are applicable to a 1st class city school
23 district and board but not, unless explicitly provided in this chapter or in the terms

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1 of a contract, to the commissioner or to any school transferred to an opportunity
2 schools and partnership program.

3 **SECTION 3.** 120.12 (29) of the statutes is created to read:

4 120.12 **(29)** MILITARY RECRUITERS. Allow military recruiters access to high
5 schools operated by the school board as required under 10 USC 503 (c), except that
6 regardless of the access the school board provides to postsecondary educational
7 institutions or to prospective employers, the school board shall allow a military
8 recruiter access to all of the following:

9 (a) Common areas of a high school building while the military recruiter visits
10 a high school for recruitment purposes.

11 (b) A high school during a school day or a school-sanctioned event. Nothing in
12 this paragraph requires a school board to allow a military recruiter access to a high
13 school classroom during instructional time.

14 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) This act first applies to access provided to military recruiters during the
16 2025-26 school year.

17 **(END)**