



2025 SENATE BILL 135

March 14, 2025 - Introduced by Senators DRAKE, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER, WALL and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives MOORE OMOKUNDE, HAYWOOD, MADISON, TAYLOR, GOODWIN, ARNEY, STUBBS, RIVERA-WAGNER, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BARE, VINING, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, CRUZ, DeSANTO, DESMIDT, DONOVAN, DOYLE, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, HONG, HYSELL, J. JACOBSON, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MAYADEV, MCCARVILLE, MCGUIRE, MIRESE, NEUBAUER, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, PHELPS, PRADO, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPAUDE, STROUD, SUBECK, TENORIO and UDELL. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 118.02 (3m) of the statutes; **relating to:** special observance
2 days in schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill adds February 18, Vel R. Phillips's birthday, 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 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 118.02 (3m) February 18, Vel R. Phillips's birthday.
5 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

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SECTION 2

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

3 (END)