

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.07 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring public and private
2 schools to conduct tornado or other hazard drills.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Disaster Preparedness Planning. Under current law, public and private schools are required to conduct a fire drill once each month but are not required to conduct tornado or other hazard drills. In addition, schools are required to maintain a record of each conducted fire drill for at least 7 years. This bill draft requires public and private schools to conduct a tornado or other hazard drill, without previous warning, at least twice annually, and maintain a record of each conducted tornado or other hazard drill for at least 7 years.

COMMENT: The committee requested information regarding requirements for emergency planning in schools. Current law requires a school board to have in effect a safety plan for each school in the school district but does not specify any other requirements for the safety plan. [s. 120.12 (26), stats.] The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the U.S. Department of Education websites contain information for schools to use to develop safety plans.

In addition to requiring fire drills and safety plans, current law includes the following provisions related to school emergency planning:

1. Section 118.07 (1), stats., requires every school board and the governing body of every private school to provide a standard first aid kit for use in emergencies.
2. Section 121.02 (1) (g), stats., requires a school board to provide for emergency nursing services.

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.07 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 118.07 (2) Once each month, without previous warning, the person having direct charge
5 of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of departure from the
6 building as if in case of fire, except when the person having direct charge deems that the health

1 of the pupils may be endangered by inclement weather conditions and, at least twice annually,
2 without previous warning, the person having direct charge of any public or private school shall
3 drill all pupils in the proper method of evacuation to a safe location as if in case of tornado or
4 other hazard. The school board or governing body of the private school shall maintain for at
5 least 7 years a record of each fire drill and tornado or other hazard drill conducted.

6 (END)