



## 2015 SENATE BILL 591

January 22, 2016 – Introduced by Senators LEMAHIEU, OLSEN, HARSDORF, BEWLEY, LASSA and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives KITCHENS, TITTL, VANDERMEER, BALLWEG, R. BROOKS, DUCHOW, HORLACHER, KNUDSON, KRUG, KULP, MURPHY, NOVAK, A. OTT, PETRYK, ROHRKASTE, VORPAGEL and E. BROOKS. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 51.03 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** mental health services  
2             in schools.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill prohibits the Department of Health Services (DHS) from requiring a mental health clinic or a licensed treatment professional to designate a school site as a clinic office in order to provide outpatient mental health services at the school. Currently, DHS administrative rules require clinics to provide outpatient mental health services only at their offices except where therapeutic reasons show it is appropriate to use an alternative location.

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

3             **SECTION 1.** 51.03 (6) of the statutes is created to read:  
4             51.03 (6) (a) In this subsection, “licensed treatment professional” means a  
5             physician who has completed a residence in psychiatry; a psychologist or a private  
6             practice school psychologist licensed under ch. 455; a marriage and family therapist  
7             licensed under s. 457.10 or 457.11; a professional counselor licensed under s. 457.12

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1 or 457.13; an advanced practice social worker granted a certificate under s. 457.08  
2 (2); an independent social worker licensed under s. 457.08 (3); a clinical social worker  
3 licensed under s. 457.08 (4); or any of these individuals practicing under a currently  
4 valid training or temporary license or certificate granted under applicable provisions  
5 of ch. 457. "Licensed treatment professional" does not include an individual whose  
6 license or certificate is suspended, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered, or whose  
7 license or certificate is limited or restricted, when practicing in areas prohibited by  
8 the limitation or restriction.

9 (b) The department may not require a mental health clinic or an individual  
10 licensed treatment professional who is otherwise authorized to provide outpatient  
11 mental health services at a school to designate the school site as a clinic office in order  
12 to provide outpatient mental health services at a school.

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