

1985 Assembly Bill 496

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## 1985 Wisconsin Act 211

AN ACT to amend 118.16 (4); and to create 120.13 (1) (d) of the statutes, relating to authorizing the assignment of truant pupils to supervised, directed study programs and prohibiting suspensions and expulsions from school for truancy in the Milwaukee school district.

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

SECTION 1. 118.16 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.16 (4) (a) The school board shall establish a written attendance policy specifying the reasons for which pupils may be permitted to be absent from a public school under s. 118.15 and shall require the teachers employed in the school district to submit to the school attendance officer daily attendance reports on all pupils under their charge.

(b) No public school may deny a pupil credit in a course or subject solely because of the pupil's unexcused absences from school. The attendance policy under par. (a) shall specify the conditions under which a pupil may be permitted to take examinations missed during absences.

(c) The school board may establish policies which ~~utilize~~ provide that as a consequence of a pupil's truancy the pupil may be assigned to detention as a deterrent to truancy or to a supervised, directed study

program. The program need not be held during the regular school day. The policies under this paragraph shall specify the conditions under which credit may be given for work completed during the period of detention or assignment to a supervised, directed study program. A pupil shall be permitted to take any examinations missed during a period of assignment to a supervised, directed study program.

(d) The school board shall provide each pupil enrolled in the public schools in the district with a copy of the ~~school attendance policy~~ policies established under this subsection and shall file a copy of the ~~policy~~ policies in each school in the district. In addition, the school board shall make copies available upon request.

SECTION 2. 120.13 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

120.13 (1) (d) No pupil enrolled in a school district operating under ch. 119 may be suspended or expelled from school for truancy.