



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 305
[2009 Senate Bill 379]

Notification of School Closings

Current law provides that a school district administrator may close a school because of inclement weather or because of a threat to the health or safety of pupils or school personnel. In addition, a local health officer and the Department of Health Services (DHS) may close a school to control outbreaks and epidemics. 2009 Wisconsin Act 305 requires a school board, within 24 hours of a school being closed by a local health officer or DHS, or by a school district administrator because of a threat to the health or safety of pupils or school personnel, and within 24 hours of reopening a closed school, to notify the Department of Public Instruction that the school was closed. The first notice must include the reason for the closure; the second must specify the number of days the school was closed.

Effective date: Wisconsin Act 305 first applies to schools closed on the effective date of the Act which is May 27, 2010, the day following publication.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.