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## **1995 SENATE BILL 50**

January 31, 1995 – Introduced by Senators Farrow, Huelsman, Cowles, Fitzgerald, Rude, Petak, Darling, Buettner, Schultz, A. Lasee and Moore, cosponsored by Representatives Schneiders, Grothman, Wood, Hoven, Ward, Seratti, Hahn, Harsdorf, Lehman, Silbaugh, Porter, Dobyns, Hanson, Plombon, Lazich, Musser, Duff, Ainsworth, Kaufert, Jensen, Ladwig, Zukowski, Wilder, Boyle, Handrick, Gunderson, Vrakas, Klusman and Wasserman. Referred to Committee on Education and Financial Institutions.

AN ACT *to create* 895.515 of the statutes; **relating to:** civil immunity for persons who donate commercial equipment or technology to elementary or secondary schools or institutions of higher education.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides civil immunity to any person who donates or sells, at a price not to exceed overhead and transportation costs, commercial equipment or technology to a public or private elementary or secondary school or an institution of higher education. The immunity does not apply if the death or injury was caused by a wilful or wanton act or omission of the person who donated or sold the commercial equipment or technology.

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

- **Section 1.** 895.515 of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 895.515 Liability exemption; equipment or technology donation. (1)
  6 In this section:
  - (a) "Commercial equipment or technology" means goods or related procedures used or bought for use primarily in a business, including farming and a profession.
  - (b) "Institution of higher education" means a center or institution within the University of Wisconsin System, a technical college or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in this state.

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(2) Any person engaged in the sale or use of commercial equipment or
technology, for profit or not for profit, who donates or sells, at a price not to exceed
overhead and transportation costs, any commercial equipment or technology to a
public or private elementary or secondary school or an institution of higher education
is immune from civil liability for the death of or injury to an individual caused by the
commercial equipment or technology donated or sold by the person.

(3) This section does not apply if the death or injury was caused by a wilful or wanton act or omission of the person who donated or sold the commercial equipment or technology.

## SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to commercial equipment or technology donated or sold on the effective date of this subsection.

13 (END)