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2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 721

October 3, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives Pope-Roberts, Parisi, Sinicki, Berceau, Black, Pocan, Lehman and Molepske, cosponsored by Senators Hansen, Erpenbach and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 AN ACT to create 118.07 (3) of the statutes; relating to: the purchase, storage,
- 2 or use of mercury by schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Beginning January 1, 2009, this bill prohibits a public, private, or charter school from purchasing, storing, or using free flowing elemental mercury for any purpose, or from purchasing, storing, or using an instrument containing mercury unless no reasonably acceptable, mercury–free alternative exists. In the latter case, only an instrument that contains the lowest mercury content available may be used.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

- 3 **Section 1.** 118.07 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 118.07 (3) Beginning January 1, 2009, no school board, private school, or
- 5 charter school may do any of the following:

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(a) Purchase, store, or use free flowing elemental mercury for any purpose.

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(b) Purchase, store, or use an instrument that contains mercury unless no reasonably acceptable, mercury-free alternative exists, in which case the school board, private school, or charter school shall use an instrument containing the lowest mercury content available.

5 (END)