2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 715

January 22, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Pope-Roberts, Black, Berceau, Grigsby, Hebl, A. Ott, Parisi and Pocan, cosponsored by Senators Miller, Lassa, Risser, Schultz and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 AN ACT to create 118.07 (4) of the statutes; relating to: the purchase, storage,
- 2 or use of mercury by schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Beginning January 1, 2011, 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 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 118.07 (4) Beginning January 1, 2011, no school board, private school, or charter school may do any of the following:
- 6 (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)