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2017 SENATE BILL 252

May 17, 2017 - Introduced by Senators OLSEN, BEWLEY, COWLES, DARLING, HANSEN, LEMAHIEU, VINEHOUT and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives GENRICH, KITCHENS, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, FIELDS, GOYKE, HINTZ, HORLACHER, KOLSTE, KOYENGA, NOVAK, OHNSTAD, RIPP, SKOWRONSKI, VRUWINK, WACHS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 118.16 (2) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** method for notifying
2 parent or guardian of truant pupil.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill permits the school attendance officer of a school district to notify the parent or guardian of a child who has been absent from school without an excuse for two full school days of the child's truancy by an electronic communication. Under current law, the school attendance officer must notify the parent or guardian of the child's truancy by personal contact, through a telephone call, or, if the attendance officer is unable to make contact with the parent or guardian, by first class mail.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.16 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 118.16 (2) (c) Except as provided under pars. (cg) and (cr), shall notify the
5 parent or guardian of a child who has been truant of the child's truancy and direct
6 the parent or guardian to return the child to school no later than the next day on
7 which school is in session or to provide an excuse under s. 118.15. The notice under

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1 this paragraph shall be given before the end of the 2nd school day after receiving a
2 report of an unexcused absence. The notice may be made by electronic
3 communication, personal contact, 1st class mail, or telephone call of which a written
4 record is kept, ~~except that. The school attendance officer shall attempt to give notice~~
5 ~~by personal contact or, telephone call shall be attempted, or, unless the parent or~~
6 ~~guardian has refused to receive electronic communication, electronic communication~~
7 before notice by 1st class mail may be given.

8 (END)