



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 172

April 22, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives GENRICH, KITCHENS, KOLSTE, YOUNG, KULP, TITTL, SUBECK, POPE, QUINN, STEFFEN, BERCEAU, CONSIDINE, GOYKE, KAHL, E. BROOKS, BRANDTJEN, BALLWEG, OHNSTAD and RIEMER, cosponsored by Senators HARRIS DODD, FARROW, LASSA, NASS, OLSEN, VUKMIR, WANGGAARD, L. TAYLOR, LEMAHIEU and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Education.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the school attendance officer of a school district (attendance officer) must notify the parent or guardian of a pupil who has been absent from school without an excuse for two full school days of the child's truancy. The attendance officer may provide that notice by personal contact or through a telephone call, or, if the attendance officer is unable to make contact with the parent or guardian, by mail. Also under current law, the attendance officer must notify the parent or guardian of a pupil who is a habitual truant of the pupil's habitual truancy by certified or registered mail. Current law defines a habitual truant as a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five or more school days during a school semester.

This bill adds notice by first class mail to the methods of notifying the parent or guardian of a habitual truant. The bill also permits the attendance officer to simultaneously notify the parent or guardian by an electronic communication.

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:

