



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 967

January 26, 2024 - Introduced by Senators KNODL and FEYEN, cosponsored by Representatives MELOTIK, BINSFELD, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, GREEN, KRUG, MAXEY, MOSES, MURSAU, NEDWESKI, O'CONNOR, PENTERMAN, SCHMIDT, SNYDER and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 115.385 (1g) (e); and *to create* 115.385 (1) (g) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** including truancy information in the school district and school
3 accountability report.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to include in the annual school district and school accountability report, commonly referred to as school and school district report cards, the percentage of pupils who are habitually truant. Current law defines "habitual truant" as a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five or more days during a school semester. The bill specifies that this information may not be used to evaluate a school's performance or school district's improvement.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 115.385 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
5 115.385 (1) (g) Beginning with the accountability report published for the
6 2024-25 school year, the percentage of pupils who are habitual truants, as defined
7 in s. 118.16 (1) (a).

