

School Safety Incident Tracking Pilot Program

Overview:

- Under WI Act 228, DPI is directed to develop a one-year pilot tracking program to operate in **three** school districts during the 2016-17 school year. The three school districts must include:
 - a school district with fewer than 3,000 pupils;
 - a school district with 3,000 to 6,999 pupils; and
 - a school district with 7,000 pupils or more.

- This Act requires a school district participating in the pilot program to comply with recordkeeping and reporting requirements regarding particular incidents. Under Act 228, participating school district must maintain a record of the following events that occur on property owned or leased by the school district, on transportation provided by the school, or at a school district sanctioned event:
 - A crime.
 - A violation of state or federal criminal law that results in a referral for a proceeding under subch. V of Ch. 938, Stats. (Juvenile proceeding).
 - A violation of an ordinance enacted by a city, village, town, or county.
 - An incidence of either: (1) harassment that involves a pupil; or (2) bullying that involves a pupil.

- The record keeping requirement also apply to incidents that are reported anonymously to the school district.

- The records maintained by the school district must include details related to each incident, to the extent known by the school district, including: (a) the time, date, location, and nature of the incident; (b) the age and identity of each individual involved in the incident; (c) any referrals to or involvement of other state or local agencies; and (d) the result of any proceeding related to the incident. However, prior to releasing a record (or portion of a record) maintained by the school district, the participating school district must omit or redact all personally identifiable information from a record or portion of a record.

Pilot Project Timelines:

- The Act requires a participating school district to submit the following two reports to DPI that include aggregate data derived from the maintained incident records:
 - **By January 31, 2017**, a report of incidents occurring during the six-month period from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.
 - **By July 31, 2017**, a report of incidents occurring during the year from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

- The reports to DPI **may not** include the identity of any individual involved in an incident included in the school district's records.

If your school district is interested in participating in this student safety incident tracking pilot program, please contact me directly, by June 30, 2016, at: 608-266-3584 or by email, at Michael.Thompson@dpi.wi.gov. Please note that no additional funds were made available for this project and that the department is not in a position to award a grant to school districts interested in participating in the pilot study

Link to text of Act 228: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts/228>