

WHEREAS, Senate President Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin) and Rep. Robert Brooks (R-Saukville) have proposed AN ACT to renumber 943.13(4m); to amend 175.60(2g)(a), 175.60(5)(a)6; and 948.605(2)(b)1r.; and to create 943.13(4m)(bm), 948.605(1)(ak) and 948.605(2m) of the statutes; relating to: possessing firearms on school grounds by persons with a license to carry a concealed weapon and;

WHEREAS, current law prohibits a person from possessing a firearm on the grounds of a school. Under this bill, a person who has a license to carry a concealed weapon may possess a firearm on the grounds of a school and;

WHEREAS, current law prohibits a person from possessing a firearm in a school. Under this bill no licensee may knowingly possess a firearm in a school building on the grounds of a school if instruction is provided to students in the building and if the school board of the school or district in which a public school is located, or a person who acts as the administrative head for a parochial, private, or tribal school or a charter school established under s. 118.40(2r), whichever is applicable, has notified the licensee not to enter or remain in the building while possessing a firearm by posting a sign that is located in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the building and any licensee entering the building can be reasonably expected to see the sign and;

WHEREAS, if passed, the proposal would likely mean that school boards could not prevent permit holders from carrying guns at events such as high school football games or at basketball games played in field houses in which student instruction is not provided and;

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies are explicitly prohibited under our current (concealed weapons) law from analyzing their own data to determine the impact —both positive and negative — of the current law, thus making the intended or unintended consequences of the new proposal unpredictable and;

WHEREAS, the state Department of Public Instruction responded to the proposal that they are “opposed to any legislation that puts police officers and kids and parents and educators in a tough situation that they don't want.”

WHEREAS, the Wauwatosa School Board looks to their first responders for their safety and security and believe that to have other people armed in a school or on the grounds of a school who may or may not be prepared and trained in accordance with rigorously thought-out plans jeopardizes the lives of innocent bystanders, police officers and children and;

WHEREAS, the Wauwatosa School Board Administrative Guideline #5772 states: “The District prohibits students, staff, and visitors from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Wauwatosa School District School Board vehemently opposes any legislation that would allow guns to be possessed in or on School District property by anyone other than law enforcement.