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How a Bill Becomes a Law In Wisconsin

Overview of Legislative Process



- ▶ You identify a problem/issue and want it to change.
- ▶ You meet with your legislator to discuss your problem/issue.
- ▶ Legislator likes your idea and sends a proposal to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB).
- ▶ LRB writes the formal legal language.
- ▶ The idea is shared with other legislatures (co-sponsorship) and if they also like the idea and sign on.

Overview of Legislative Process



- ▶ The bill is introduced in the Senate and Assembly and get bill numbers. Assembly Bill-AB and Senate Bill-SB
- ▶ The bill has committee hearing in both Assembly and Senate.
- ▶ The bill is passed out of committee and goes to the floor. (Executive Session)
- ▶ The Bill is passed in both Assembly and Senate. (Floor votes)
- ▶ The Bill goes to Governor for signature and becomes law.

Problem/Issue

- ▶ Children with disabilities are able to be secluded and restrained at school.
- ▶ Parents were often not informed of the use of seclusion and restraint.
- ▶ School were not required to report the yearly information to DPI.
- ▶ Disability Rights Wisconsin, Wisconsin Family Ties and WI Facets received contacts from families of children with disabilities about the inappropriate use of seclusion and restraint, lack of notice of the event, injuries, and unable to find their Districts information on seclusion and restraint.



Example: AB 585/SB 527

Changes to Seclusion and Restraint Law

- ▶ Parents contacted advocates about continuing issues with S/R.
- ▶ Disability Rights, Family Ties, and WI Facets gathered data for three years on S/R and created reports.
- ▶ The organizations held a press conference and families shared their stories.
- ▶ Stakeholders worked together on changes.
- ▶ Families contacted legislators about their experiences.
- ▶ A legislator decided to do something about it.



2019 SENATE BILL 527

October 25, 2019 - Introduced by Senators OLSEN, JOHNSON, DARLING, BEWLEY, COWLES, KOOYENGA, LARSON, SCHACHTNER and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives QUINN, CONSIDINE, DITTRICH, BOWEN, CABRERA, CROWLEY, DOYLE, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, JAGLER, KULP, MILROY, NOVAK, OHNSTAD, RAMTHUN, RODRIGUEZ, SARGENT, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, TITTL, VRUWINK, WITTKKE and ZIMMERMAN. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 118.787 (2) (i), 118.305 (6) (a) 1. and 118.305 (6) (a) 3.; **to**
2 **renumber and amend** 118.305 (1) (d), 118.305 (3) (f), 118.305 (4) (b) and
3 118.305 (5); **to amend** 118.305 (1) (f), 118.305 (2) (f), 118.305 (4) (a) (intro.),
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6 1. and 118.305 (6) (c); and **to create** 118.305 (1) (d) 2., 118.305 (1) (dm), 118.305
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9 (4) (e), 118.305 (5) (b), 118.305 (6) (a) 1f. and 118.305 (6) (a) 1m. of the statutes;
10 **relating to:** the seclusion and physical restraint of pupils.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes changes to the law governing physical restraint and seclusion of pupils in schools.

Under current law, individuals who work in a public school, including a charter school, or a private school participating in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP school) may only use seclusion or physical restraint on a pupil at school if

← LRB-0669/1- Original
Legislative Draft

Senate Bill #

← Co-sponsors of Bill

← Description of Bill



What are the chances of success?

- ▶ In the last legislative session (2019-2020), 2263 bills were introduced and only 185 bills passed into law.
- ▶ This is a 50% decrease of bills passed from the previous two years.
- ▶ The legislature has not been in session since March.

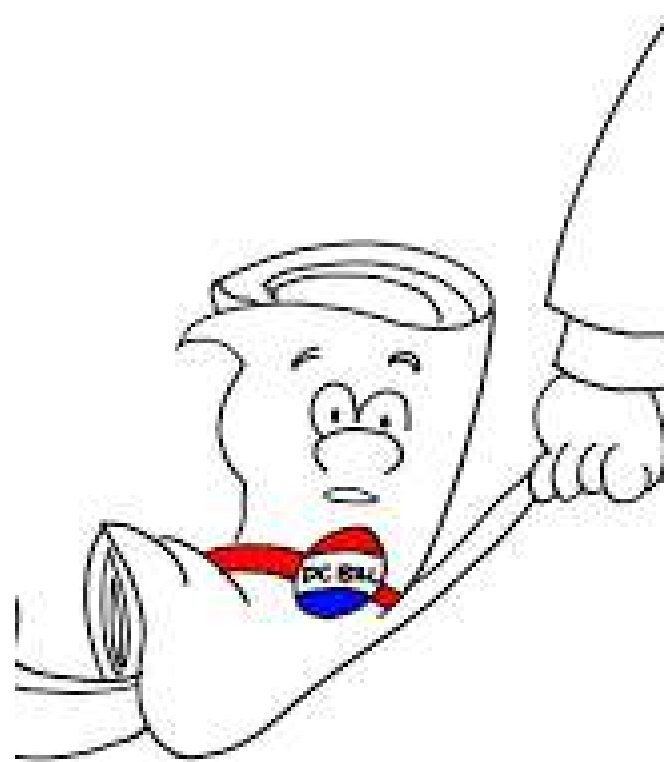
How a Bill Dies?

- ▶ The committee it is assigned to doesn't hold a hearing.
- ▶ The committee never takes a vote in Executive Session
- ▶ The committee votes but it doesn't pass out of committee.
- ▶ The Rules Committee doesn't schedule the bill to go to the floor.
- ▶ The full Assembly or Senate vote against the bill.
- ▶ One of the houses fails to move the bill forward.
- ▶ The Governor veto's the bill.



What can you do to get a bill passed?

- ▶ Contact your legislator about an idea and meet with them to discuss the problem.
- ▶ Get other people who are interested in the issue come with you.
- ▶ Support the legislator through the process by offering any advice, suggestions on the bill.
- ▶ Contact your friends, people you know to contact their legislators to sign on to the bill.
- ▶ Testify at a hearing and tell your story and why this bill is important.
- ▶ Find other people to testify at the hearings.
- ▶ Talk to the press about your idea or write a letter to the editor or Op Ed.



Bill History

2019-2020 Wisconsin Legislature		
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Status: S - Enacted into law		
Important Actions (newest first)		
Date / House	Action	Journal
3/2/2020 Sen.	Published 3-3-2020	753
12/20/2019 Sen.	Report passage recommended by Committee on Education, Ayes 9, Noes 0	550
Links		
2019 Wisconsin Act 118 (PDF: PDF)		
2019 Wisconsin Act 118: LC Act Memo PDF		
Bill Text (PDF: PDF)		
SB527 ROCP for Committee on Education On 12/20/2019 (PDF: PDF)		
LC Bill Hearing Materials		
Wisconsin Ethics Commission Information		
See Also		
2019 Assembly Bill 585 - A - Rules		
History		
Date / House	Action	Journal
10/25/2019 Sen.	Introduced by Senators Olsen, Johnson, Darling, Bewley, Cowles, Kooyenga, Larson, Schachtner and L. Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Quinn, Cosentino, Dietrich, Bowen, Calamia, Crowley, Doyle, Edmug, Felikowski, Jagler, Kulp, Milroy, Novak, Othman, Ramthun, Rodriguez, Sargent, Spreitzer, Subeck, C. Taylor, Tittel, Vuowink, Wittke and Zimmerman	409
10/25/2019 Sen.	Read first time and referred to Committee on Education	409
11/19/2019 Sen.	Public hearing held	
12/19/2019 Sen.	Executive action taken	
12/20/2019 Sen.	Report passage recommended by Committee on Education, Ayes 9, Noes 0	550
12/20/2019 Sen.	Available for scheduling	
1/17/2020 Sen.	Placed on calendar 1-23-2020 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(3)	586
1/21/2020 Sen.	Read a second time	595
1/21/2020 Sen.	Ordered to a third reading	595
1/21/2020 Sen.	Rules suspended	595
1/21/2020 Sen.	Read a third time and passed	595
1/21/2020 Sen.	Ordered immediately messaged	595
1/21/2020 Asm.	Received from Senate	485
2/18/2020 Asm.	Read first time and referred to committee on Rules	607
2/18/2020 Asm.	Made a special order of business at 11:49 AM on 2-20-2020 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 21	626
2/20/2020 Asm.	Read a second time	671
2/20/2020 Asm.	Ordered to a third reading	671
2/20/2020 Asm.	Rules suspended	671
2/20/2020 Asm.	Read a third time and concurred in	671
2/20/2020 Asm.	Ordered immediately messaged	671
2/21/2020 Sen.	Received from Assembly concurred in	725
2/25/2020 Sen.	Report correctly enrolled	732
2/25/2020 Sen.	LRS correction	734
2/26/2020 Sen.	Presented to the Governor on 2-26-2020	737
3/2/2020 Sen.	Report approved by the Governor on 3-2-2020. 2019 Wisconsin Act 118	753
3/2/2020 Sen.	Published 3-3-2020	753

Governor Signing of 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 118



<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/acts/118>

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Governor

2:06pm [Gov. Evers](#). Announces ombudsman for the Wisconsin National Guard.

9:11am [Liberty Justice Center](#). Gov. Evers' Fox 11 interview conflicts with his legal arguments in MacIver's press access case.

2:28pm [Cap Times](#). Evers hires ombudsman to oversee sexual assault investigations in Wisconsin National Guard.

4:04am [WQOW](#). Gov. Evers lays out 2020 legislative plan during Eau Claire stop.

4:01am [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#). Tony Evers gives Republicans 'homework' as he calls for bills on insulin, PFAS and dark stores.

Legislative

1:22pm [Rep. Zimmerman](#). Supports bipartisan water quality bills.

1:21pm [Rep. Horlacher](#). Statement on SDBAB action on Palmyra-Eagle dissolution.

1:19pm [Wisconsin Democracy Campaign](#). Lawmakers seek to amend the state Constitution to ban gerrymandering.

10:18am [Sen. Marklein](#). Column: What is happening with Tobacco 21?

9:08am [Rep. Pronschinske](#). Column: Snow, snowmobiles & safety.

4:09am [Rep. Steineke](#). Statement on retirement of Rep. Bob Kulp.

4:16am [WISC](#). 'To me it's an injury': Police chiefs testify support for bill that would allow officers to use worker's comp for PTSD recovery.

4:06am [U.S. News & World Report](#). Evers, Democrats push bills to cut prison population. [CBS 58](#).

4:03am [WUWM](#). Bipartisan task force proposes legislation to improve water quality in Wisconsin.

3:54am [Wisconsin State Journal](#). Special election reimbursement bill has support of GOP-led Senate, Democratic Evers.

3:47am [WSAW](#). Rep. Kulp not seeking re-election.

State Agencies

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Mon, Jan 13

8:30 AM - Title I Committee of Practitioners (COP)

10:00 AM - Senate Committee on Education (Executive Session, PAPER BALLOT)


11:00 AM - DFI (DFI-CSP 1). CR 19-155. College savings program Rule-Making


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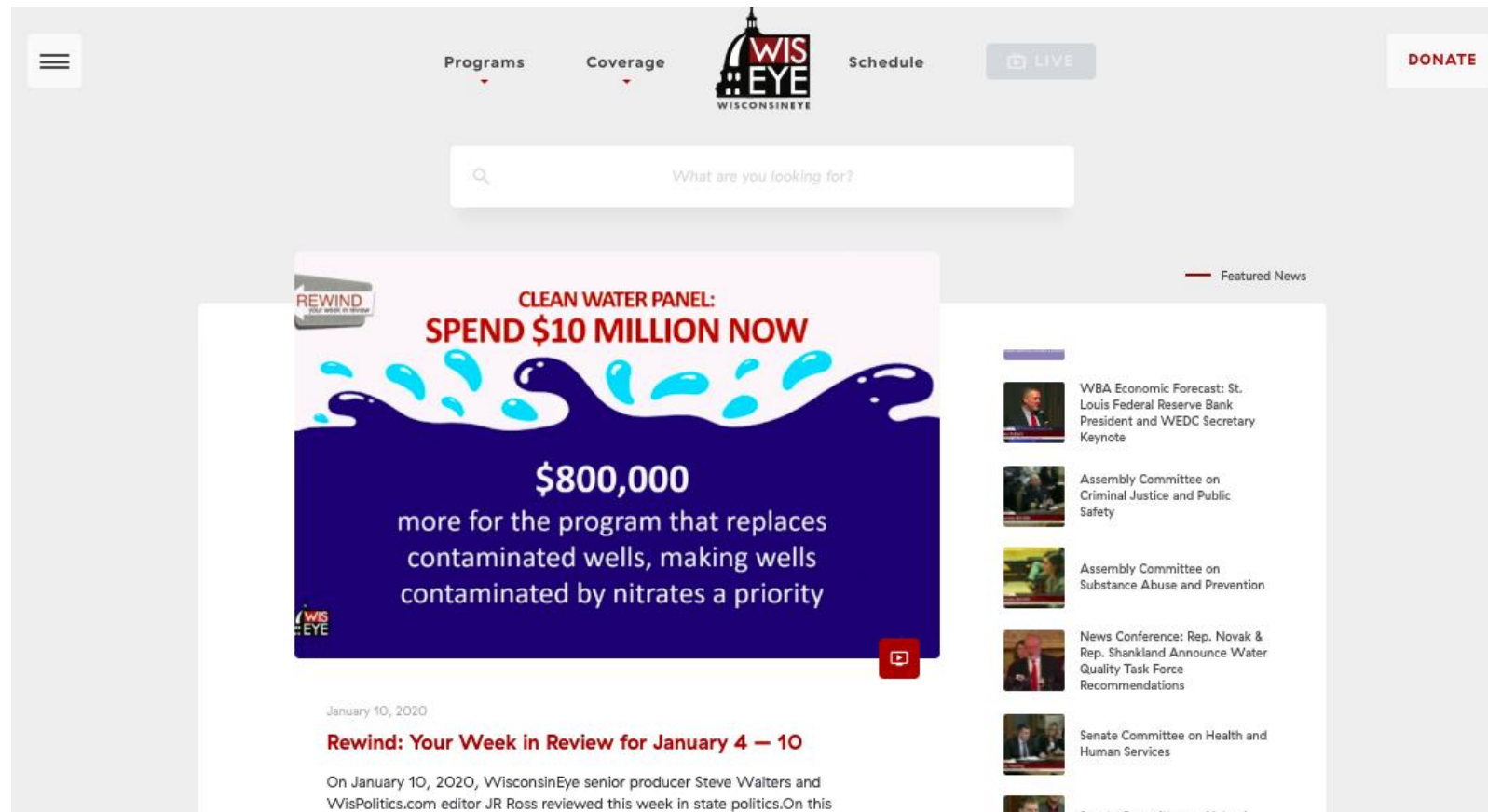


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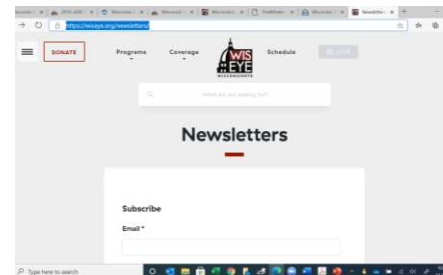
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