Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker signed 11 bills into law in July that seek to address myriad facets of the state’s opioid crisis. The bills were the product of a special session held earlier in the year.

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, school employees and volunteers, along with residence hall directors, will now be protected from lawsuits if they administer drugs designed to treat opioid overdoses (SB 1). These individuals must be properly trained and call 911 immediately after administering the drugs.

Other new laws in Wisconsin authorize:

- the opening of a charter school for up to 15 high school students struggling to overcome addiction (AB 6) and funding new training for teachers and other school personnel to identify and help students struggling with mental health, alcohol and drug issues (AB 11);
- spending $1 million on up to three new regional opioid treatment programs (AB 8) and providing $63,000 in annual state grants for hospitals to hire more doctors who specialize in addiction (AB 7); and
- providing $420,000 to the Wisconsin Department of Justice to hire special agents to investigate drug trafficking (AB 10).

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