



2001 SENATE BILL 141

April 11, 2001 - Introduced by Senators BAUMGART, BURKE, ROESSLER and HUELSMAN, cosponsored by Representatives KESTELL, VRAKAS, GUNDERSON, RYBA, POWERS, JESKEWITZ, LEIBHAM and SYKORA. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 939.50 (1) (intro.); and **to create** 939.66 (8) and 948.035 of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** inducing or causing self-mutilation by a child and
3 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law does not prohibit individuals from physically harming themselves. In addition, with some exceptions (such as the prohibition on assisting suicide), current law generally does not prohibit a person from inducing or causing others to harm themselves.

This bill prohibits a person from inducing or causing a child to cut his or her own skin intentionally. A person violating this prohibition may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than two years or both. If a person violates this prohibition and the child suffers great bodily harm as a result, the maximum term of imprisonment increases to five years.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 939.50 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 939.50 (1) (intro.) Except as provided in ss. 948.035 (1), 946.43 (2m) (a), 946.83
6 and 946.85, felonies in chs. 939 to 951 are classified as follows:

