



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 1179

April 11, 2006 – Introduced by Representatives PETTIS, MUSSER, HAHN and ALBERS, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

1 **AN ACT to create** 175.60, 950.04 (1v) (dd), 950.04 (1v) (dj), 950.04 (1v) (eg), 950.04
2 (1v) (zr) and 967.12 of the statutes; **relating to:** the right of crime victims to
3 fairness, dignity, and respect for their privacy, the confidentiality of victim
4 information, and law enforcement agencies' duty to investigate certain
5 matters.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a duty that a law enforcement agency (agency) must investigate, or refer the matter to an agency with jurisdiction, if a victim of one of the crimes against a child specified in the bill informs the agency of the crime and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the crime is being or has been committed. The bill also requires an agency to investigate and, if necessary, correct the information on a police report if a victim notifies the agency that the information is incorrect. The bill also requires an agency, a prosecutor, and a court to maintain from disclosure to the public any personal information or other information that identifies a victim if the victim so requests.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 175.60 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **175.60 Law enforcement agencies' duty to investigate.** (1) In this
3 section:

4 (a) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning given in s. 165.83 (1) (b).

5 (b) “Victim” has the meaning given in s. 950.02 (4) (a).

6 **(2)** If a victim of a crime that is being or has been committed against a child
7 under ch. 940, 944, or 948 informs a law enforcement agency of that crime and there
8 are reasonable grounds to believe that the crime is being or has been committed, the
9 agency shall conduct an investigation of the matter or refer it to a different law
10 enforcement agency that has jurisdiction.

11 **(3)** If a victim of a crime notifies a law enforcement agency that information
12 in a police report is incorrect, the agency shall investigate the matter and correct the
13 report if the investigation confirms that the information is incorrect.

14 **SECTION 2.** 950.04 (1v) (dd) of the statutes is created to read:

15 950.04 **(1v)** (dd) To have a law enforcement agency do one of the following if he
16 or she informs the agency that he or she is a victim of a crime that is being or has been
17 committed against a child under ch. 940, 944, or 948 and if there are reasonable
18 grounds to believe that the crime is being or has been committed, as provided under
19 s. 175.60 (2):

20 1. Investigate the matter.

21 2. Refer the matter to a different law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction.

22 **SECTION 3.** 950.04 (1v) (dj) of the statutes is created to read:

23 950.04 **(1v)** (dj) To have a law enforcement agency investigate and correct
24 errors contained in a police report, as provided under s. 175.60 (3).

25 **SECTION 4.** 950.04 (1v) (eg) of the statutes is created to read:

