



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 232

August 29, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, BIES, BERNARD SCHABER, BROOKS, ENDSLEY, HINTZ, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, MOLEPSKE JR, A. OTT, RIVARD, ROYS, THIESFELDT, VAN ROY and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, MOULTON, OLSEN and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 950.04 (1v) (a); and *to create* 950.04 (1v) (ag), 950.04 (1v)
2 (dr) and 950.105 of the statutes; **relating to:** rights of crime victims and
3 witnesses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the statutes and the state constitution provide various rights to victims of a crime. Under current law the Crime Victim Rights Board (board) has the right and duty to enforce victims' rights. The board may seek to impose a penalty against a public official, agency, or employee that violates a victim's statutory or constitutional rights, obtain equitable relief on a victim's behalf, and may issue a public or private reprimand against the public official, agency, or employee.

This bill confers upon victims the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect for privacy by public officials, employees, or agencies, the right to be free from intimidation, harassment, discrimination, or abuse by public officials, employees, or agencies, and the right not to have their personally identifying information used by any public official, employee, or agency for the purpose of attempting to obtain a personal benefit or financial gain by the official, employee, or agency. Under the bill, a victim has the right, if his or her rights are violated, to seek relief on his or her own behalf, or may request a district attorney to seek relief, at the district attorney's discretion, on his or her behalf.

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

