



## 1999 SENATE BILL 44

February 16, 1999 - Introduced by Senators ERPENBACH, PLACHE, MOORE, RUDE, BURKE, CLAUSING, DECKER, ROESSLER, FARROW, A. LASEE, DARLING and DRZEWIECKI, cosponsored by Representatives FOTI, SCHNEIDER, MEYER, MUSSER, SCHOOFF, TURNER, POCAN, BLACK, LA FAVE, HASENOHRL, PLALE, KREUSER, WASSERMAN, COLON, POWERS, BOCK, PLOUFF and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on Privacy, Electronic Commerce and Financial Institutions.

1 **AN ACT to create** 19.36 (10) of the statutes; **relating to:** access to public records  
2 containing social security account numbers of individuals.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, the custodian of the records of any state or local governmental unit must provide access to any public record in his or her custody unless otherwise authorized or required by law or unless the custodian demonstrates that the public interest in withholding access to the record outweighs the strong public interest in providing access to that record. Federal law prohibits state and local governmental units from disclosing social security account numbers under certain conditions.

The bill provides that no state or local governmental unit may permit access to any record or portion of a record that contains the social security account number of any individual together with information revealing the identity of that individual unless the requester is specifically authorized to have access to that information by federal or state law.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 19.36 (10) of the statutes is created to read:  
4 19.36 (10) SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS. No authority may permit access  
5 under s. 19.35 (1) to any record or portion of a record that contains the social security

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1 account number of any individual together with information revealing the identity  
2 of that individual unless the requester is specifically authorized to have access to  
3 that information by federal or state law.

4 (END)