



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 443

October 18, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives HESSELBEIN, KRUG, BERCEAU, BROOKS, GENRICH, KAHL, KERKMAN and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 48.654 of the statutes; **relating to:** the unexplained absence
2 of a child receiving care from a child care provider.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who holds a license or a probationary license to operate a child care center, a person certified as a child care provider for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works child care subsidy program, or a person established or contracted by a school board to provide a child care program (collectively, "child care provider") must comply with certain statutes and rules to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the children in the child care provider's care. Under this bill, before providing care and supervision to a child, a child care provider must obtain from the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian the child's expected arrival time for each day on which care and supervision is to be provided. If the child has not arrived at the provider's facility by one hour past the child's expected arrival time and if the absence is unexplained, the child care provider must contact by telephone the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, or the individual designated as the child's emergency contact.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 48.654 of the statutes is created to read:

