



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 594

November 11, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives HEBL, KRUG, LADWIG, AINSWORTH, UNDERHEIM, OURADA, PORTER, MUSSER, LA FAVE, M. LEHMAN, LAZICH, DOBYNS, RYBA, OLSEN, SERATTI, POWERS, ZIEGELBAUER, BOYLE, BRANDEMUEHL, GARD, GOETSCH, GRONEMUS, NASS, F. LASEE, GROTHMAN, GREEN and HUBER, cosponsored by Senators PANZER, C. POTTER, HUELSMAN, ROSENZWEIG and WEEDEN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

- 1     **AN ACT to amend** 938.346 (1) (a) and 938.396 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2     disclosure by the victim-witness coordinator to the victim of a juvenile's act or  
3     alleged act of the name and address of the juvenile and the juvenile's parents.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, law enforcement officers' records and the records of the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the juvenile justice code (juvenile court), subject to certain exceptions, are not open to inspection and may not be disclosed except by order of the juvenile court. Current law, however, permits a law enforcement agency, subject to official agency policy, to disclose to the victim of a juvenile's act any information in its records relating to the injury, loss or damage suffered by the victim, including the name and address of the juvenile and the juvenile's parents. Current law also requires the juvenile court, on request of the victim-witness coordinator, to open for inspection by the victim-witness coordinator the records of the juvenile court relating to the provision of services for the victim and the enforcement of the victim's rights under the Wisconsin Constitution, the victim's bill of rights and the juvenile justice code. Current law, however, does not permit the victim-witness coordinator to disclose to the victim of a juvenile's act or alleged act the name and address of the juvenile and the juvenile's parents. This bill permits the victim-witness coordinator to disclose that information to the victim of a juvenile's act or alleged act.

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

- 4     **SECTION 1.** 938.346 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

