



## 1997 SENATE BILL 464

February 18, 1998 - Introduced by Senators DARLING and FITZGERALD, cosponsored by Representatives GREEN, RILEY, SERATTI, PORTER, MUSSER, PLALE, KELSO, LADWIG, POWERS, ALBERS and F. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 302.11 (5) and 304.06 (1) (g); and **to create** 66.093 and 301.03  
2 (14) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing local parole watch committees.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, when the department of corrections (DOC) or the parole commission releases a person on parole, they must notify local law enforcement agencies in the area the parolee will be residing and, in certain cases, they must notify the victim of the parolee's crime or the family of the victim.

This bill authorizes a city, village or town to establish a parole watch committee. A parole watch committee will receive from DOC and the parole commission notification of and information about persons being released on parole who will reside in the city, village or town. The parole watch committee can then disseminate the information it receives to other persons in the city, village or town. The bill requires DOC and the parole commission to notify a parole watch committee that a person being paroled will be residing in the committee's city, village or town and also requires DOC to cooperate with and provide information to parole watch committees. Finally, the bill provides that a parole watch committee is to be made up of 6 members serving 3-year terms. The members are appointed by the chief executive officer of the city, village or town, with the approval of the governing body of the city, village or town.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 66.093 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **66.093 Parole watch committees. (1)** In this section:

3           (a) “Chief executive officer” means the mayor or city manager of a city; the  
4 village president or village manager of a village; and the chairperson of a town board.

5           (b) “Governing body” means the village or town board or the legislative body  
6 of a city.

7           (c) “Municipality” means a city, village or town.

8           **(2)** (a) The governing body of a municipality may establish a parole watch  
9 committee.

10          (b) A parole watch committee established under par. (a) may do all of the  
11 following:

12           1. Receive from the department of corrections and the parole commission  
13 notification of and information about persons being released on parole who will  
14 reside in the municipality while on parole.

15           2. Disseminate information it receives under subd. 1. to other persons in the  
16 municipality.

17          **(3)** (a) A parole watch committee established under sub. (2) shall consist of 6  
18 members to be appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality and  
19 approved by the governing body of the municipality. The committee shall designate  
20 one of its members to be chairperson.

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1 (b) The initial members of a parole watch committee shall be appointed for  
2 staggered 3-year terms, such that 2 members shall have one-year terms, 2 members  
3 shall have 2-year terms and 2 members shall have 3-year terms. The term of office  
4 of each member thereafter appointed shall be 3 years.

5 **SECTION 2.** 301.03 (14) of the statutes is created to read:

6 301.03 (14) Cooperate with and provide information to parole watch  
7 committees established under s. 66.093.

8 **SECTION 3.** 302.11 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 302.11 (5) Before a person is released on parole under this section, the  
10 department shall so notify the municipal police department and the county sheriff  
11 for the area where the person will be residing. The notification requirement does not  
12 apply if a municipal department or county sheriff submits to the department a  
13 written statement waiving the right to be notified. If applicable, the department  
14 shall also comply with s. 304.063 and notify the parole watch committee established  
15 under s. 66.093 for the municipality in which the person will be residing.

16 **SECTION 4.** 304.06 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 304.06 (1) (g) Before a person is released on parole under this subsection, the  
18 parole commission shall so notify the municipal police department and the county  
19 sheriff for the area where the person will be residing. The notification requirement  
20 under this paragraph does not apply if a municipal department or county sheriff  
21 submits to the parole commission a written statement waiving the right to be  
22 notified. If applicable, the department shall also comply with s. 304.063 and notify  
23 the parole watch committee established under s. 66.093 for the municipality in which  
24 the person will be residing.

25 (END)