



2023 SENATE BILL 478

September 29, 2023 - Introduced by Senators KAPENGA, BALLWEG and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives DUCHOW, BEHNKE, BINSFELD, DITTRICH, GOEBEN, GREEN, GUNDRUM, MAXEY, MICHALSKI, RETTINGER, ROZAR, SCHRAA, TUSLER and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 944.20 (1) (a) and (b) and 944.20 (2) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** intentional exposure of genitals and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from publicly and indecently exposing genitals or pubic area. A person who violates the prohibition is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. This bill eliminates the element that the exposure be indecent and instead requires that the exposure be intentional.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 944.20 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:
4 944.20 (1) (a) Commits an indecent act of sexual gratification with another
5 with knowledge that they are in the presence of others; ~~or,~~
6 (b) ~~Publicly and indecently~~ Intentionally exposes genitals or pubic area in a
7 public area.

