

CHAPTER 388

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AN ACT to create 48.64 (4) of the statutes, relating to hearings by the department of health and social services on orders affecting foster parents and children.

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

48.64 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

48.64 (4) **ORDERS AFFECTING FOSTER PARENTS OR CHILDREN.** (a) Any decision or order issued by a division of the department of health and social services, a county welfare department or a child welfare agency affecting foster parents or the children involved may be appealed to the department of health and social services under fair hearing procedures established under department rules. The department shall, upon receipt of such petition, give the foster parents reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing. The department may make such additional investigation as it deems necessary. Notice of the hearing shall be given to the foster parents and to the division, the county department or child welfare agency. They shall be entitled to be represented at such hearing. The department shall render its decision as soon as possible after the hearing and shall send a certified copy of its decision to the foster parents, the division, the county department or the child welfare agency. The decision shall be binding on all parties concerned.

(b) Judicial review of the department's decision may be had as provided in ch. 227.

Approved February 3, 1970.
