



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 636

October 26, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives OWENS, BRANDEMUEHL, DOBYNS, LADWIG, GOETSCH, MUSSER, SCHNEIDERS, AINSWORTH, LAZICH, SILBAUGH and F. LASEE. Referred to Joint committee on Information Policy.

1 **AN ACT to create** 69.20 (3) (dm) of the statutes; **relating to:** the release of
2 information from vital records to law enforcement officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state registrar of vital statistics (state registrar) and registers of deeds and city registrars (local registrars) are responsible for maintaining a system of vital statistics, including the filing, registration, collection, preservation, amendment and certification of vital records such as certificates of birth, death, divorce or annulment, marriage documents and data related to those certificates and documents. The state registrar or a local registrar may not disclose a vital record or any information from a vital record, except that the state registrar or a local registrar may release information from a vital record to the following: the subject of the information; the subject's parent or guardian, if the subject is a minor; a federal agency, an agency of the government of this state or an agency of a county, city, town or village, if the agency requests the information for use in the conduct of its official duties; or certain persons or agencies compiling statistics or doing health or demographic research. In addition, a court may order the disclosure of a specific vital record.

This bill permits the state registrar or a local registrar to disclose to a law enforcement officer, at the request of that officer, any information from the vital record of a specified registrant if the information requested by the law enforcement officer is necessary for law enforcement purposes.

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 69.20 (3) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

