



1995 SENATE BILL 243

June 1, 1995 - Introduced by Senators LEEAN, ELLIS and RUDE, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 69.14 (1) (cm) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring provision
2 of information about voluntary acknowledgment of paternity and the
3 significance and benefits of establishing paternity.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a child's birth occurs in or en route to a hospital and if the child's parents are unmarried, the hospital administrator or certain other persons must provide the child's mother with a voluntary paternity acknowledgment form and with a pamphlet that has information about birth certificates.

This bill requires that trained, designated hospital staff provide oral information to the child's available unmarried parents about the voluntary paternity acknowledgment form and about the legal significance and benefits of establishing paternity.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 69.14 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 69.14 (1) (cm) *Information concerning paternity.* For a birth which occurs en
6 route to or at a hospital, the filing party shall give the mother a copy of the pamphlet
7 under s. 69.03 (14). If the child's parents are not married at the time of the child's
8 birth, the filing party shall give the mother a copy of the form prescribed by the state

1 registrar under s. 69.15 (3) (b) 3. The filing party shall ensure that trained,
2 designated hospital staff provide oral information to the child's available parents
3 about the form and the legal significance and benefits of establishing paternity. If
4 the mother provides a completed form to the filing party while she is a patient in the
5 hospital and within 5 days after the birth, the filing party shall send the form directly
6 to the state registrar.

7 (END)