



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 49

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1 **AN ACT to create** 946.71 of the statutes; **relating to:** giving false information to
2 mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect and providing
3 penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, physicians, social workers, school teachers and other specified persons must report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect regarding a child seen in the course of professional duties. This bill prohibits a person from knowingly giving false information alleging that a child has been abused or neglected to a person who is required to report child abuse or neglect. Upon conviction, violators may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 946.71 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **946.71 False information to person required to report child abuse or**
6 **neglect. (1)** In this section:
7 (a) "Abuse" has the meaning given in s. 48.02 (1).

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1 (b) "Neglect" has the meaning given in s. 48.981 (1) (d).

2 (2) Whoever knowingly gives false information alleging that a child has been
3 abused or neglected to a person who is required to report under s. 48.981 (2) is guilty
4 of a Class B misdemeanor.

5 (END)