1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 527

October 12, 1999 – Introduced by Representative Steinbrink, cosponsored by Senator Wirch. Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

1 AN ACT *to create* 301.19 of the statutes; **relating to:** notification concerning plans to establish a probation, parole and extended supervision field office.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, before the department of corrections (DOC) enters into a contract with any person for the provision of temporary transitional housing for probationers, parolees or persons on extended supervision it must provide notice of the proposed contract to local law enforcement agencies, the chief elected official of the municipality in which the housing will be located and the local official newspaper.

This bill requires DOC to provide notice that it plans to establish a probation, parole and extended supervision field office at which persons on probation, parole or extended supervision meet with an agent or engage in other activities required as a condition of probation, parole or extended supervision. DOC must provide notice of a plan to establish such an office to local law enforcement agencies, the local official newspaper and the chief elected official of the municipality in which the office will be located. If requested to do so by a chief elected official who receives notification of a plan, DOC must hold a public hearing on the plan to establish a probation, parole and extended supervision field office. In addition to any public hearing that may be held, a person notified by DOC of a plan to establish a probation, parole and extended supervision field office must notify the general public of the plan in a manner and to the extent that the person determines is appropriate.

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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:

SECTION 1. 301.19 of the statutes is created to read:

301.19 Notification concerning plans to establish a probation, parole and extended supervision field office. (1) In this section:

- (a) "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town or county.
- (b) "Probation, parole and extended supervision field office" means a building or any part of a building owned or leased by the department that is used as an office by probation, parole and extended supervision agents and at which persons on probation, parole or extended supervision meet with an agent or engage in other activities required as a condition of probation, parole or extended supervision. "Probation, parole and extended supervision field office" does not include a state correctional institution or any part of a state correctional institution.
- **(2)** Before establishing a probation, parole and extended supervision field office, the department shall notify all of the following persons that it plans to establish the probation, parole and extended supervision field office:
- (a) The police department of the political subdivision in which the probation, parole and extended supervision field office will be located.
- (b) The sheriff for the county in which the probation, parole and extended supervision field office will be located.
- (c) The chief elected official of the political subdivision in which the probation, parole and extended supervision field office will be located.

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- (d) The newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the political subdivision in which the probation, parole and extended supervision field office will be located, or, if there is no designated official newspaper, a newspaper published or having general circulation in the political subdivision and eligible under s. 985.03 as an official newspaper.
- (3) If requested to do so by a person notified under sub. (2) (c), the department shall hold a public hearing on its plan to establish a probation, parole and extended supervision field office. The public hearing shall be held in a public place in the political subdivision in which the probation, parole and extended supervision field office will be located. The department shall give at least 7 days' notice of the public hearing by publication of a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, in the newspaper notified under sub. (2) (d).
- **(4)** In addition to any public hearing that may be held under sub. (3), a person notified under sub. (2) of a plan to establish a probation, parole and extended supervision field office shall notify the general public of the plan in a manner and to the extent that the person determines is appropriate.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to probation, parole and extended supervision field offices established on the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

21 (END)