

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Richards:

Please review this bill carefully to make sure that it achieves your intent. In particular, please note the following:

1. Your instructions did not specify what agency should develop the training program or the standardized assessment mechanism. This draft requires DWD to develop them. Is this what you intended? Please contact me if you would like to discuss other possibilities.

2. Do you want to include a definition of "domestic abuse"?

3. Finally, as you requested, this bill requires W-2 agencies to inform W-2 participants and applicants of the option of not cooperating with DWD in efforts to establish the paternity of the participant's child or to collect support payments if doing so would put the participant or the participant's children at risk of continued violence. Because the statutes do not specifically state that a good-cause exception to the child support enforcement rules includes a risk of continued violence, I also amended the good-cause exception language to clarify that the good-cause exception applies to a participant if cooperating would pose a risk of emotional or physical violence to the participant or the participant's children. OK?

If you have any questions or would like discuss a redraft, please feel free to contact me.

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