

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

April 14, 1999 – Introduced by Senators ERPENBACH, BRESKE, SHIBILSKI, WIRCH, BAUMGART, RUDE, JAUCH, SCHULTZ, FARROW, PLACHE, ZIEN, DARLING, COWLES, HUELSMAN, DRZEWIECKI, A. LASEE and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives BALOW, SCHOOFF, RYBA, MUSSER, MILLER, HAHN, HUBER, POCAN, BOCK, BERCEAU, KAUFERT, HASENOHRL, UNDERHEIM, PLOUFF, GUNDERSON, HUNDERTMARK, ALBERS and TRAVIS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

- 1 **Relating to:** urging Congress to enact legislation that would allow states to increase
2 collection of child support through means other than requiring an individual to
3 provide his or her social security number as a condition of obtaining certain
4 licenses.
- 5 Whereas, in 1996 Congress passed and the president signed the federal
6 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
7 (PRWORA); and
- 8 Whereas, PRWORA contained numerous provisions intended to strengthen
9 state laws relating to collection of child support; and
- 10 Whereas, PRWORA requires states to implement procedures under which the
11 state may withhold, suspend or restrict the use of driver’s licenses, professional and
12 occupational licenses and recreational licenses, including hunting and fishing
13 licenses, of individuals owing past-due child support or failing, after receiving
14 appropriate notice, to comply with subpoenas or warrants relating to paternity or
15 child support proceedings; and

1 Whereas, the mechanism for enforcement under PRWORA is an individual's
2 social security number; and

3 Whereas, these procedures for the use of an individual's social security number
4 do not ensure adequate state collection of child support; rather, diligent investigation
5 efforts within the state result in increased collections; and

6 Whereas, in requiring these procedures for the use of an individual's social
7 security number, Congress has assumed that each state does not have a current
8 adequate system for collecting child support; and

9 Whereas, an individual should not be required to disclose his or her social
10 security number unless absolutely necessary; and

11 Whereas, 1997 Wisconsin Acts 27 and 191 implemented these procedures for
12 the use of an individual's social security number to comply with PRWORA; and

13 Whereas, the failure of Wisconsin to implement these procedures for the use of
14 an individual's social security number would have resulted in the loss of
15 approximately \$370,000,000 in federal funding; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
17 legislature urges Congress to enact legislation that would remove the requirement
18 that states use an individual's social security number to collect child support and
19 that would allow states to increase collection of child support through other means
20 without financial penalty; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall send copies of this joint resolution
22 to the President, the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the majority
23 leader of the U.S. Senate and all of the members of the congressional delegation from
24 this state.

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