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Assembly

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Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy

Assembly Bill 617

Relating to: requirements that social security numbers be included on license, permit and other credential applications and on certain documents concerning marriage and children.

By Representatives Schneider, Boyle, Gundrum, Gronemus, F. Lasee, Kreuser, Reynolds, Ryba and Meyerhofer; cosponsored by Senator Darling.

December 13, 1999 Referred to committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

February 15, 2000 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (8) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Suder,
Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and
Staskunas.

Excused: (1) Representative Walker.

Appearances for

- Representative Marlin Schneider, 72nd Assembly District

Appearances against

- Janet Nelson, WI Child Support Enforcement Association

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- None.

Registrations against

- None.

March 30, 2000 **Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.**



Robert Delaporte
Committee Clerk



Subject: 1999 Assembly Bill 486
1999 Assembly Bill 617

Date: February 15, 2000

From: Janet Nelson, Chief Legal Counsel of the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Enforcement, Member of the Legislative Committee of the Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association (WCSEA)

The WCSEA strenuously opposes this legislation, as it is contrary to federal law and it would deny child support agencies a significant source of information needed for the collection of child support.

Assembly Bill 617 is contrary to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), signed into law August 22, 1996. PRWORA required sweeping changes in state laws to assist custodial parents in collecting child support. It required states to implement laws and procedures to collect social security numbers from:

- applicants for professional, recreational, commercial driver's, occupational, or marriage licenses, and
- individuals who are subject to divorce decrees, support orders, or paternity adjudications or acknowledgements.

These bills ignore these requirements. The consequences of Wisconsin passing this legislation are severe – noncompliance with the federal requirements jeopardizes over \$79.3 million in federal child support funding for the State of Wisconsin, a substantial portion of which is passed onto the counties.

Wisconsin has worked very hard to comply with PRWORA's requirements, and the collection of child support has increased as a result of these changes. The availability of social security numbers through the Department of Transportation's drivers' licensing computer system is just one example of an area where the PRWORA legislation has assisted child support agencies throughout the state. Milwaukee County alone has increased its child support collection from \$58 million in 1995 to \$103 million in 1999. Racine County, over the last year and a half, has improved its collection rate on cases with support orders from 29.33% to 54.55%.

Current law benefits child support agencies in another important way. The use of social security numbers to accurately identify support payers is immensely helpful. We do not want to enforce wage withholding against someone unrelated to the case, but it can happen when two people share a name and birthdate. The availability of social security numbers prevents the collection of support from the wrong persons.

This bill is a huge step backward in our efforts to enforce the rights of children to support from parents. Please oppose its passage.
