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(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

1999-00

(session year)

### Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Judiciary and Personal Privacy (AC-JPP)

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#### **Assembly**

### **Record of Committee Proceedings**

### **Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy**

#### **Assembly Bill 777**

Relating to: sexually violent person commitment proceedings.

By Representatives Huebsch, Gunderson, Kaufert, Kelso, Ladwig, Musser, Olsen, Owens, Stone and Sykora; cosponsored by Senators Drzewiecki, Cowles, Darling, Fitzgerald, Huelsman and Rosenzweig.

February 17, 2000

Referred to committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy.

March 1, 2000

#### PUBLIC HEARING HELD

(8)

Present:

Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Suder,

Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and

Staskunas.

Excused:

(1) Representative Walker.

#### Appearances for

- Representative Mike Huebsch, 94th Assembly District
- Senator Gary Drzewiecki, 30th Senate District
- Kendall Kelley, Brown County District Attorney's office

#### Appearances against

• None.

#### Appearances for Information Only

• None.

#### Registrations for

- Senator Alberta Darling, 8th Senate District
- Senator Joanne Huelsman, 11th Senate District

#### Registrations against

• None.

#### March 16, 2000

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present:

(9) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Walker,

Suder, Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and

Staskunas.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Walker, seconded by Representative Hebl, that **Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 777** be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (9) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Walker, Suder, Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and Staskunas.

Noes: (0) None. Excused:(0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 0, Excused 0

Moved by Representative Huebsch, seconded by Representative Hebl, that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill** 777 be recommended for introduction and adoption.

Ayes: (9) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Walker, Suder, Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and Staskunas.

Noes: (0) None. Excused:(0) None.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 0, Excused 0

Moved by Representative Walker, seconded by Representative Hebl, that **Assembly Bill 777** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (9) Representatives Huebsch, Gundrum, Walker, Suder, Grothman, Sherman, Colon, Hebl and Staskunas.

Noes: (0) None. Excused:(0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 0, Excused 0

Robert Delaporte Committee Clerk

### Vote Record

# Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy

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Committee Member Rep. Michael Huebsch, Chair Rep. Mark Gundrum Rep. Scott Walker Rep. Scott Suder Rep. Glenn Grothman Rep. Gary Sherman Rep. Pedro Colon Rep. Tom Hebl Rep. Tony Staskunas			Absent Not Voting
	Totals:	9	

Motion Carried	Motion Failed	

### Vote Record

## Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Personal Privacy

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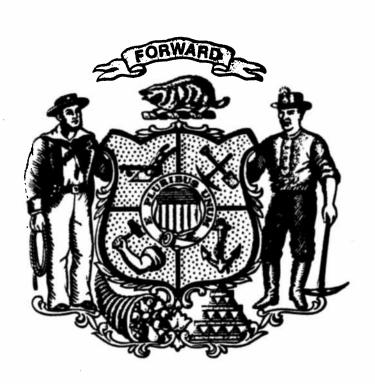
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Motion Carried Motion Failed





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Date: March 1, 2000

To:

Representative Huebsch

From:

Mike Barman

LRB Legal Section – Front Office

Subject:

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Bill Number: 1999 AB 777

LRB Number: 99-4508/1

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DATE:	3/1/00	
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Circuit Courts / Court of Appeals / Supreme Court

Provide local government costs.

FROM: Deborah Uecker

Division of Executive Budget and Finance

101 East Wilson Street

Administration Building, 10th Floor

Madison, WI 53707

SUBJECT: Fiscal Estimate -

**LRB Number 4508/1** 

1999 Bill Number AB0777

Please provide the necessary information on fiscal estimate forms and return the original AND one copy of the original to Deborah Uecker, no later than:

28-Feb-00

If you cannot comply with the above deadline for any reason, please call Deborah at 267-0371.

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District Attorneys	
Department of Health and Family Services	
Department of Justice	
Public Defender Board	
Department of Corrections	

DATE DOA SENT TO AGENCY:

is responsible for local government costs.

21-Feb-00

DATE DOA RECEIVED FROM AGENCY:

TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY:

Name and phone number of person who prepared the fiscal estimate.

(Name)

(Phone Number)

PLEASE SEND ORIGINAL COPIES OF THE FORMS THAT CAN BE REPRODUCED.

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the cases would be handled in a	more orderly and timely fa	shion with these ch	anges.
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Sheryl Gervasi	508-266-	<b>6984</b>	Director of
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Don Dyke, Senior Staff Attorney

SUBJECT:

1999 Assembly Bill 777, Relating to Sexually Violent Person Commitment

Proceedings

This memorandum, prepared at your request, summarizes the provisions of the above-captioned bill.

Current law provides a procedure for the involuntary civil commitment of sexually violent persons, who are released from confinement resulting from the commission of a sexually violent offense, to the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) for control, care and treatment. [See, generally, ch. 980, Stats.] A "sexually violent person" is a person who has committed specified sexually violent offenses and who is dangerous because he or she suffers from a mental disorder that makes it substantially probable that he or she will engage in acts of sexual violence. [s. 980.01 (7), Stats.]

The current procedure for involuntarily committing a sexually violent person includes: notice of the pending release or discharge from confinement of a person who committed a sexually violent offense; filing of a petition alleging that a person is a sexually violent person by the Department of Justice (DOJ) or a district attorney; court review of the petition; trial on the petition; finding by the judge or jury that the person is a sexually violent person; commitment to the custody of DHFS; placement in institutional care; and petition by the committed person for supervised release or, if it is found that he or she is no longer a sexually violent person, for discharge from the commitment.

1999 Assembly Bill 777 makes various changes to the involuntary commitment procedure for sexually violent persons. These changes are summarized below.

## A. PREEVALUATION FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT AS SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSON; NOTICE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE

Under current law, the agency that has custody of a person who may be a sexually violent person must, as soon as possible beginning three months before the person's release date, notify the DOJ and specified interested district attorneys of the release. [s. 980.015 (2), Stats.]

Under Assembly Bill 777, an agency that has custody of a person who has committed a sexually violent offense must, no later than 180 days before the person's anticipated release date, conduct an initial evaluation of the person to determine whether he or she may meet the criteria for commitment as a sexually violent person. No later than 15 days after completing the initial evaluation, the agency must inform DOJ and interested district attorneys of the evaluation results.

If the agency determines that the person may meet the criteria for commitment as a sexually violent person, the agency must obtain a special purpose evaluation by a qualified expert, who must make a recommendation and a written report as to whether a commitment proceeding should be commenced. Under the bill, the report must be completed no later than 120 days before the person's anticipated release date and the agency is required, no later than five days after receiving the annual report, to provide DOJ and interested district attorneys with a copy. The DOJ or a district attorney who receives notice of the initial evaluation may also retain a qualified expert to conduct a separate evaluation of the person (that is in addition to the agency's initial evaluation and to any special purpose evaluation that is conducted).

# B. FILING PETITION FOR SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSON COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS

Under current law, after an agency has notified the DOJ and interested district attorneys of the release date of a person who has committed a sexually violent offense, a petition alleging that a person is a sexually violent person may be filed by the DOJ, at the request of the agency, or, if the DOJ does not file a petition, an interested district attorney. [s. 980.02 (1), Stats.]

Assembly Bill 777 provides that if an agency with custody of a person who may be a sexually violent person determines in its initial evaluation that the person does not meet the criteria for commitment, the DOJ must decide whether to file a petition, regardless of the agency's determination. The decision must be made by DOJ no later than 45 days after it receives notice of the agency's initial evaluation; DOJ must provide notice of its decision to the interested district attorneys. If an agency obtains a special purpose evaluation of the person, DOJ must, no later than 30 days after it receives a copy of the report of the special purpose evaluation, decide whether to file a petition and must provide notice of its decision to the interested district attorneys. Under the bill, if DOJ notifies the district attorneys that it has decided not to file a petition, one of the district attorneys may then file a petition.

Thus, under the bill, either DOJ or a district attorney may file a petition, regardless of the outcome of an agency's initial evaluation or the conclusion of an expert who conducts a special purpose evaluation. Further, the bill clarifies that a district attorney may file a petition only if DOJ does not file one.

### C. ACCESS TO CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS IN SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSON COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS

Assembly Bill 777 revises current law in varying degree to provide consistency in provisions relating to access to and permitted use of otherwise confidential records in sexually violent person proceedings. Records affected by these provisions include medical records (including mental health treatment records); records concerning juvenile delinquency court proceedings and any placement or treatment resulting from the proceedings; records of the Department of Corrections (DOC), including presentence investigation reports prepared by DOC; law enforcement records concerning juveniles; and court records of other civil commitment proceedings. Under the bill, medical records, juvenile records and DOC records must be released in connection with sexually violent person proceedings to DOJ, a district attorney or a retained qualified expert. DOJ or a district attorney must also be given access to law enforcement records concerning juveniles and court records of other civil commitment proceedings.

Under the bill, information from all of the above records may be redisclosed only to the extent that it is necessary for the conduct of an evaluation, examination or proceeding for which the information was obtained. The court has express authority to issue any protective orders that it determines are appropriate concerning the records.

# D. REEXAMINATION OF PERSONS FOUND TO BE SEXUALLY VIOLENT WHO ARE INCARCERATED FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE

Under current law, a person who has been committed as a sexually violent person must be examined by DHFS within six months after the initial commitment and at least once each 12 months thereafter for the purpose of determining whether the person has made sufficient progress for the court to consider whether the person should be placed on supervised release or discharged from commitment. [s. 980.07, Stats.] The court may order a reexamination at any time while the person is subject to a commitment order.

Assembly Bill 777 provides that DHFS is not required to examine a person who is incarcerated or in placement for an offense that the person has committed or is alleged to have committed after being committed as a sexually violent person. Instead, the bill provides that DHFS must conduct an examination of the person upon the person's release from incarceration or placement. The court, however, may order a reexamination of the person at any time even though he or she is incarcerated or in placement.

# E. PETITION FOR DISCHARGE FROM COMMITMENT AS SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSON

Currently, a person who has been committed to the custody of DHFS as a sexually violent person may petition for a discharge from commitment. [s. 980.09, Stats.] A petition may be made either with or without the approval of DHFS. A person has a right to petition for discharge without the approval of DHFS at the time of the person's periodic reexamination. [s. 980.09 (2) (a), Stats.] If the person does not waive the right to petition at that time, the court must review the reexamination report to determine whether facts exist that warrant a hearing to determine whether the person is still a sexually violent person.

Current law also provides that a person may petition for discharge without DHFS approval at any other time; however, if the person has previously filed a petition for discharge without DHFS approval and the court determined that the person's petition was frivolous or that the person was still a sexually violent person, the court must then deny any subsequent petition without a hearing unless the petition contains factors upon which a court could find that the condition of the person had so changed that a hearing is warranted. [s. 980.10, Stats.]

Assembly Bill 777 provides that a person who is committed as a sexually violent person may not petition for discharge without DHFS approval unless at least 18 months have elapsed since he or she was committed or unless at least six months have elapsed since the most recent petition for discharge was denied. Under the bill, if a person files a discharge petition without DHFS approval, the court must, without holding a hearing, review the most recent reexamination report and other relevant documentation to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the person is no longer a sexually violent person. If the court finds probable cause, it must set a hearing on the petition.

#### F. OTHER PROVISIONS

Other provisions of the bill include those:

- 1. <u>Discovery.</u> Providing detailed provisions for sexually violent person proceedings under ch. 980, Stats., relating to discovery, inspection and sharing of evidence. These provisions are patterned after discovery provisions applicable in criminal proceedings. [See, generally, s. 971.23, Stats.]
- 2. <u>Protective orders.</u> Providing broad authority for the court in a sexually violent person proceeding to issue any appropriate protective order concerning the disclosure or redisclosure of information related to a proceeding.
- 3. <u>Closed hearings involving juvenile offenses.</u> Providing procedures allowing for closed hearings in proceedings that are based solely on allegations that the person who is the subject of the proceeding committed sexually violent offenses as a juvenile.
- 4. Request for discharge hearing before a jury. Providing that the district attorney or DOJ, whichever is representing the state, or the petitioner or his or her attorney may request that the discharge hearing under ch. 980 be to a jury of six persons. Note that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has held that the petitioner has the right to request a jury for a discharge hearing. [State v. Post, 197 Wis. 2d 279 541 N.W.2d 115 (1995).]
- 5. Evidence of other crimes to prove character. Providing that the evidentiary rule excluding evidence of other crimes, wrongs or acts when offered to prove the character of a person in order to show that the person acted in conformity with that character does not apply when the evidence is offered at a trial or other proceeding under ch. 980 for the purpose of proving the diagnosis of a person or showing the basis of an opinion concerning the probability that a person will engage in acts of sexual violence.

- 6. <u>Applicability of physician-patient privilege</u>. Providing that the physician-patient and related privileges under the rules of evidence do not apply to communications and information relevant to an issue in proceedings for control, care and treatment of a sexually violent person under ch. 980 if the physician or other professional subject to the privilege has determined that the patient is in need of control, care and treatment as a sexually violent person.
- 7. Civil liability immunity under ch. 980. Providing immunity from criminal or civil liability for acts or omissions as the result of a good faith effort to comply with the provisions of ch. 980, Stats. The immunity extends to DOC, DHFS, qualified experts or professional persons retained or appointed to evaluate or examine a person under ch. 980, district attorneys and the DOJ. Currently, the immunity only extends to DOC and DHFS in connection with notification to DOJ and district attorneys of the anticipated release of potential or already-committed sexually violent persons.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me directly at the Legislative Council Staff offices.

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