

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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To Representative Rhodes:

1. Please note that currently "counsel for the interests of the public" is used only in ss. 48.293 (3) and 51.30 (4) (b) 14., stats. (Under the bill, the term is proposed for s. 51.30 (3) (b) and (4) (b) 11.) By contrast, "corporation counsel" occurs 81 times, "county corporation counsel" 18 times, and "attorneys for local governmental units" 3 times. Since the term is undefined in either s. 48.293 (3) or s. 51.30 (4) (b) 14., stats., currently, conceivably it could be judicially interpreted to mean a county corporation counsel; an attorney for a city, village, or town; the state public defender; an assistant state public defender; the attorney general; an assistant attorney general; or a district attorney. Is it your intention to have this broad an application?
2. This redraft of 1999 Assembly Bill 746 also contains minor stylistic, nonsubstantive changes, in conformity with LRB standards.

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