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Representative Kaufert:

Please review the scope of the crime proposed by this bill. Under the bill, a person commits a crime if he or she provides a seventeen-year-old a meal in the person's home even though the person knows that the teenager's parents have not consented to the teenager's absence from home or to the teenager's receipt of a meal. The bill could instead criminalize only the provision of housing, as opposed to criminalizing provision of all types of services. I did not limit the crime to provision of housing, because the letter from Detective Blank of the Neenah Police Department indicates that children do not always stay overnight at the particular residence that is the subject of his letter.

I made the crime of harboring a child runaway a Class C misdemeanor, because the crime is similar to contributing to truancy (s. 948.45, stats.), which is a Class C misdemeanor.

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