Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care

Assembly Bill 279

Relating to: creating a rebuttable presumption against awarding a parent joint or sole legal custody if the court finds that the parent has engaged in a pattern or serious incident of abuse, requiring a guardian ad litem and a mediator to have training related to domestic violence, and requiring a guardian ad litem to investigate and a mediator to inquire whether a party in an action affecting the family engaged in domestic violence.

By Representatives Berceau, Friske, Ainsworth, Suder, Loeffelholz, Miller, Boyle, J. Lehman, Sinicki, Wasserman, Shilling, Montgomery, Hines, J. Fitzgerald, Van Roy, Ott, Bies, Jensen, Seratti, Vruwink, Richards, Kreibich, Sherman and Morris; cosponsored by Senators Roessler, Risser, Stepp, Wirch, A. Lasee, Breske, Moore and Robson.

October 28, 2003 Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

November 24, 2003 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present:

Absent:

(3)

(6)

Registrations For

	Chvala and Carpenter.
Appearance	s For
□ Senator	Carol Roessler, 18th Senate District
□ Jennifer	Western, Office of Representative Friske
☐ Tom Po	well, Office of Representative Terese Berceau
☐ Reba Ha Bend	nnerstill-Kassia, Friends of Abused Families, West
□ Robert F	Paul, Self, Middleton
□ Carol M	ledaris, WI Council on Children and Families,
Madisor	L
☐ Patti Seg	ger, WI Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Madison
Appearance	s Against
□ None.	
Appearance	s for Information Only
\square None.	

Senators Kanavas, Brown and Jauch.

Senators Roessler, Welch, Schultz, Robson,

	 Deb Sybell, Family Law Section, State Bar of WI Diane Welsh, Department of Health and Family Services, Madison Lisa Stewart-Baehene, WCADV Bob Anderson, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Madison Mark Mitchell, Department of Health and Family Services, Madison Cindy Cochran, Self, Ellison Bay Jean Lahti, Friends of Abused Families, Waukesha Reverend Sue Moline Larson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy in WI, Madison Robert Paul, Self, Middleton Mary Anne Snyder, Children's Trust Fund and Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, Madison Registrations Against None.
November 25, 2003	EXECUTIVE SESSION - POLLING Moved by Senator Roessler that Assembly Bill 279 be recommended for concurrence. Ayes: (8) Senators Roessler, Kanavas, Brown, Schultz, Robson, Chvala, Jauch and Carpenter. Noes: (1) Senator Welch. CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 8, Noes 1
	Committee Clerk