AN ACT to amend 48.685 (1) (c) and 50.065 (1) (e) 2.; and to create 948.53 of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting a person responsible for a child’s welfare while the child is being transported in a child care vehicle from leaving the child unattended and providing penalties.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 48.685 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.685 (1) (c) “Serious crime” means a violation of s. 940.19 (3), 1999 stats., a violation of s. 940.01, 940.02, 940.03, 940.05, 940.12, 940.19 (2), (4), (5) or (6), 940.22 (2) or (3), 940.225 (1), (2) or (3), 940.285 (2), 940.29, 940.295, 940.02 (1) or (2), 940.025, 940.03 (2), 940.05, 940.055, 940.06, 940.07, 940.08, 940.11 (2) (a) or (am), 948.12, 948.13, 948.21 (1) or (am), 948.30, or 948.53 or a violation of the law of any other state or United States jurisdiction that would be a violation of s. 940.19 (3), 1999 stats., or a violation of s. 940.01, 940.02, 940.03, 940.05, 940.12, 940.19 (2), (4), (5) or (6), 940.22 (2) or (3), 940.225 (1), (2) or (3), 940.285 (2), 940.29, 940.295, 940.02 (1) or (2), 940.025, 940.03 (2), 940.05, 940.055, 940.06, 940.07, 940.08, 940.11 (2) (a) or (am), 948.12, 948.13, 948.21 (1) or (am), 948.30, or 948.53 if committed in this state.

SECTION 2. 50.065 (1) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

50.065 (1) (e) 2. For the purposes of an entity that serves persons under the age of 18, “serious crime” includes a violation of s. 948.02 (2), 948.03 (2) (b) or (c), 948.05, 948.055, 948.06, 948.07, 948.08, 948.11 (2) (a) or (am), 948.12, 948.13, 948.21 (1) or (am), 948.30, 948.53, or a violation of the law of any other state or United States jurisdiction that would be a violation of s. 948.02 (2), 948.03 (2) (b) or (c), 948.05, 948.055, 948.06, 948.07, 948.08, 948.11 (2) (a) or (am), 948.12, 948.13, 948.21 (1) or (am), 948.30, or 948.53 if committed in this state.

SECTION 3. 948.53 of the statutes is created to read:

948.53 Child unattended in child care vehicle. (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) “Child care provider” means a day care center that is licensed under s. 48.46 (1), a day care provider that is certified under s. 48.461, or a day care program that is established or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14).

(b) “Child care vehicle” means a vehicle that is owned or leased by a child care provider or a contractor of a child care provider and that is used to transport children to and from the child care provider.

(2) NO CHILD LEFT UNATTENDED. (a) No person responsible for a child’s welfare while the child is being transported in a child care vehicle may leave the child unattended at any time from the time the child is placed in the care of that person to the time the child is placed in the care of another person responsible for the child’s welfare.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003-04: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].
(b) Any person who violates par. (a) is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or, if death is a consequence, a Class G felony.