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### Appendix A ... Part 01 of 02

The 2005 drafting file for LRB 05–3387

has been transferred to the drafting file for

2007 LRB 07-0167

This cover sheet, the final request sheet, and the final version of the 2005 draft were copied on yellow paper, and returned to the original 2005 drafting file.

The attached 2005 draft was incorporated into the new 2007 draft listed above. For research purposes, this cover sheet and the complete drafting file were transferred, as a separate appendix, to the 2007 drafting file. If introduced this section will be scanned and added, as a separate appendix, to the electronic drafting file folder.

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#### Malaise, Gordon

From:

Hilton, Stephanie

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To:

Malaise, Gordon

Subject:

Rep. Wasserman bill request

Dear Gordon,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the possible angles that a bill could take requiring teenage mothers to attend parenting classes. I think the following language is in line with the angle that Rep. Wasserman was thinking.

Rep. Wasserman would like to request legislation that would require all girls under 18 who become pregnant to attend parenting classes once the baby is born. In addition, the baby would be appointed a guardian by the court, and that guardian would have to be over 18. The girl would be required to complete and pass the parenting classes by the time she is 18. Only upon turning 18 and the successful completing of the parenting classes could the guardianship of the baby be returned to her.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks, Stephanie

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#### State of Misconsin 2005 - 2006 LEGISLATURE



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AN ACT ...; relating to: the appointment of a guardian for a child who has no custodial parent who is 18 years of age or over and requiring the parent of such a child to complete a parenting class.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the Children's Code (juvenile court) may appoint a guardian for a child who, on appointment, has the duty and authority to make important decisions in matters having a permanent effect on the life and development of the child and the duty to be concerned about the general welfare of the child.

This bill requires the county department of human services or social services (county department) of the county of residence of a child who does not have a custodial parent over 18 years of age or a guardian or, if that county is Milwaukee County, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) to file a petition for the appointment of a relative of the child or other fit and willing adult to serve as guardian of the child and to offer parenting classes to the custodial parents of the child. If the juvenile court finds that the child does not have a custodial parent over 18 years of age or a guardian and that appointment as guardian of the child of the person nominated as guardian is in the best interests of the child, after considering the suitability, willingness, and ability of the person to serve as guardian of the child, the juvenile court may order the person to be appointed as the guardian or as the limited guardian of the child. The guardianship continues until all custodial parents of the child attain the age of 18 years and complete a parenting class, unless the juvenile court earlier terminates the guardianship, including termination due to removal of the guardian for cause or resignation of the guardian.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** 48.023 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.023 Guardianship. (intro.) Except as limited by an order of the court under s. 48.977 (5) (b) or, 48.978 (6) (b) 2., or 48.979 (4) (b) 2., a person appointed by the court to be the guardian of a child under this chapter has the duty and authority to make important decisions in matters having a permanent effect on the life and development of the child and the duty to be concerned about the child's general welfare, including but not limited to:

History: 1977 c. 354; 1993 a. 385; 1995 a. 27, 77, 275, 352; 1997 a. 334. **SECTION 2.** 48.09 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.09 (5) By the district attorney or, if designated by the county board of supervisors, by the corporation counsel, in any matter arising under s. 48.13, 48.133 er, 48.977, or 48.979. If the county board transfers this authority to or from the district attorney on or after May 11, 1990, the board may do so only if the action is effective on September 1 of an odd-numbered year and the board notifies the department of administration of that change by January 1 of that odd-numbered year.

History: 1977 c. 354; 1985 a. 176; 1989 a. 336; 1993 a. 246; 1995 a. 77, 275; 1997 a. 292.

SECTION 3. 48.14 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.14 (2) (b) The appointment and removal of a guardian of the person for a child under ss. 48.427, 48.428, 48.43, 48.831, 48.832, 48.839 (4) (a), 48.977 and, 48.978, and 48.979 and ch. 880 and for a child found to be in need of protection or services under s. 48.13 because the child is without parent or guardian.

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**SECTION 4.** 48.185 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.185 (2) In an action under s. 48.41, 48.978, or 48.979, venue shall be in the county where the birth parent or child resides at the time that the petition is filed. Venue for any proceeding under s. 48.363, 48.365, or 48.977, or any proceeding under subch. VIII when the child has been placed outside the home pursuant to a dispositional order under s. 48.345 or 48.347, shall be in the county where the dispositional order was issued, unless the child's county of residence has changed, or the parent of the child or the expectant mother of the unborn child has resided in a different county of this state for 6 months. In either case, the court may, upon a motion and for good cause shown, transfer the case, along with all appropriate records, to the county of residence of the child, parent or expectant mother.

History: 1977 c. 354; Stats. 1977 s. 48.185; 1979 c. 330; 1989 a. 161; 1993 a. 98, 318, 491; 1995 a. 77, 275; 1997 a. 80, 292. **SECTION 5.** 48.235 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.235 (1) (c) The court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for any child who is the subject of a proceeding to terminate parental rights, whether voluntary or involuntary, for a child who is the subject of a contested adoption proceeding and for a child who is the subject of a proceeding under s. 48.977 or, 48.978, or 48.979.

History: Sup. Ct. Order, 151 Wis. 2d xxv (1989); 1991 a. 189, 263; 1993 a. 16, 318, 395; 1995 a. 27, 275; 1997 a. 237, 292, 334; 1999 a. 149. **Section 6.** 48.299 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.299 (4) (a) Chapters 901 to 911 shall govern the presentation of evidence at the fact-finding hearings under ss. 48.31, 48.42, 48.977 (4) (d) and, 48.978 (2) (e) and (3) (f) 2, and 48.979 (3) (e) Phin

History: 1979 c. 300; 1981 c. 353; 1985 a. 311; 1987 a. 27; Sup. Ct. Order, 141 Wis. 2d xiii (1987); 1991 a. 263, 269; 1993 a. 16, 32, 98, 227, 228, 395; 1995 a. 77, 201, 21

**SECTION 7.** 48.299 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.299 (4) (b) Except as provided in s. 901.05, neither common law nor statutory rules of evidence are binding at a hearing for a child held in custody under

s. 48.21, a hearing for an adult expectant mother held in custody under s. 48.213, a runaway home hearing under s. 48.227 (4), a dispositional hearing, of a hearing about changes on a change in placement, a revision of a dispositional orders, order, or an extension of a dispositional orders, or order, or a hearing on the revision or termination of a guardianship orders order entered under s. 48.977 (4) (h) 2. or (6) or, 48.978 (2) (j) 2. or (3) (g), or 48.979 (3) (g) 2. or (5). At those hearings, the court shall admit all testimony having reasonable probative value, but shall exclude immaterial, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious testimony or evidence that is inadmissible under s. 901.05. Hearsay evidence may be admitted if it has demonstrable circumstantial guarantees of trustworthiness. The court shall give effect to the rules of privilege recognized by law. The court shall apply the basic principles of relevancy, materiality, and probative value to proof of all questions of fact. Objections to evidentiary offers and offers of proof of evidence not admitted may be made and shall be noted in the record.

History: 1979 c. 300; 1981 c. 353; 1985 a. 311; 1987 a. 27; Sup. Ct. Order, 141 Wis. 2d xiii (1987); 1991 a. 263, 269; 1993 a. 16, 32, 98, 227, 228, 395; 1995 a. 77, 201, 275; 1997 a. 35, 252, 292, 334; 1999 a. 32, 149.

**SECTION 8.** 48.831 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.831 (1) Type of Guardianship. This section may be used for the appointment of a guardian of a child who does not have a living parent if a finding as to the adoptability of a child is sought. Except as provided in ss. 48.977 and, 48.978, and 48.979, ch. 880 applies to the appointment of a guardian for a child who does not have a living parent for all other purposes. An appointment of a guardian of the estate of a child who does not have a living parent shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures specified in ch. 880.

History: 1989 a. 161; 1995 a. 73, 275; 1997 a. 27, 334.

48.979 Appointment of guardian for child of child parent. (1)

DEFINITION. In this section, "custodial parent means a parent who resides with a child who is subject to a proceeding under this section.

- (2) Guardianship and parenting classes required. (a) Notice to county department or department. Whenever a child is born to a person under 18 years of age at or on route to a hospital or maternity home, the hospital or maternity home shall, within 7 days after the birth of the child, provide notice of that birth to the county department of the county of residence of the child or, if that county is a county having a population of 500,000 or more, the department. Whenever a child is born to a person under 18 years of age elsewhere than at or on route to a hospital or maternity home, the physician, nurse—midwife, or birth attendant who attended the birth of the child, shall, within 7 days after that birth, provide notice of that birth to the county department of the county of residence of the child or, if that county is a county having a population of 500,000 or more, the department.
- (b) Determination whether guardianship and parenting classes required. Within 30 days after receiving a notice under par. (a), the county department or department receiving that notice shall determine whether the child has a custodial parent who is 18 years of age or over or a guardian, and, if the child does not have a custodial parent who is 18 years of age or over or a guardian, file a petition under sub. (3) (a) for the appointment of a relative of the child or other fit and willing adult to serve as guardian of the child and offer parenting classes to the custodial parent of the child.
- (3) APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN. (a) Filing of petition. If a county department or the department determines under sub. (2) (b) that a child does not have a custodial parent who is 18 years of age or over or a guardian, the county department or

1	department shall file a petition for the appointment of a relative of the child or other
2 <b>2</b>	fit and willing adult to serve as guardian of the child.
3	(b) Contents of petition. A proceeding for the appointment of a guardian for a
<b>4</b>	child under this subsection shall be initiated by a petition that shall be entitled "In
. 5	the interest of (child's name), a person under the age of 18" and shall set forth with
6	specificity all of the following:
7	1. The name, birth date, and address of the child.
8	2. The name and address of the custodial parent or parents of the child.
9	3. The name and address of the person nominated as guardian of the child.
10	4. A statement that the child has no custodial parent who is 18 years of age or
11	over or guardian.
12	5. The duties and authority that the petitioner wishes the guardian to exercise.
13	6. A statement of whether the proceedings are subject to the uniform child
14	custody jurisdiction act under ch. 822.
15	7. A statement of whether the child may be subject to the federal Indian Child
16	Welfare Act, 25 USC 1911 to 1963.
17	(c) Service of petition and notice. 1. The petitioner shall cause the petition
18	and notice of the time and place of the hearing under par. (d) to be served on all of
19	the following persons:
20	a. The child's guardian ad litem.
21	b. The custodial parent or parents.
(22)	c. The persons to whom notice is required to be given under s. 48.27 (3) (b) 1,
23	if those persons can with reasonable diligence be located.

d. The person who is nominated as the guardian of the child in the petition.

- 2. Service shall be made by certified mail at least 7 days before the hearing or by personal service in the same manner as a summons is served under s. 801.11 (1) at least 7 days before the hearing or, if with reasonable diligence a party specified in subd. 1. cannot be served by mail or by personal or substituted service, service shall be made by publication of a notice published as a class 1 notice under ch. 985. In determining which newspaper is likely to give notice as required under s. 985.02 (1), the petitioner shall consider the residence of the party, if known, or the residence of the relatives of the party, if known, or the last–known location of the party.
- (d) *Plea hearing*. 1. A hearing to determine whether any party wishes to contest a petition filed under par. (a) shall take place on a date that allows reasonable time for the parties to prepare but is no more than 30 days after the filing of the petition. At the hearing, the nonpetitioning parties shall state whether they wish to contest the petition.
- 2. If the petition is not contested, the court may immediately proceed to a dispositional hearing under par. (f), unless an adjournment is requested under par. (f).
- 3. If the petition is contested, the court shall set a date for a fact-finding hearing under par. (e) that allows reasonable time for the parties to prepare but is no more than 30 days after the plea hearing.
- (e) Fact-finding hearing. The court shall hold a fact-finding hearing on the petition on the date set by the court under par. (d) 3., at which any party may present evidence relevant to the issue of whether the child has a custodial parent who is 18 years of age or over or a guardian. If the court, at the conclusion of the fact-finding hearing, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the child has no custodial parent who is 18 years of age or over or guardian, the court shall immediately proceed to a

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adjournment, the court shall set a date for the dispositional hearing which allows
reasonable time for the parties to prepare but is no more than 30 days after the
fact-finding hearing.

- (f) Dispositional hearing. The court shall hold a dispositional hearing on the petition at the time specified under par. (d) 2. or (e), at which any party may present evidence, including expert testimony, relevant to the disposition. If at the plea hearing or the fact-finding hearing a party requests an adjournment of the dispositional hearing, the court shall set a date for the dispositional hearing that allows reasonable time for the parties to prepare but is no more than 30 days after the plea hearing or fact-finding hearing.
- par. (i) Dispositional factors. In determining the appropriate disposition under this par. (ii) the best interests of the child shall be the prevailing factor to be considered by the court. In making a decision about the appropriate disposition, the court shall consider all of the following:
- 1. Whether the person nominated as guardian would be a suitable guardian of the child.
- 2. The willingness and ability of the person nominated as guardian to serve as the guardian of the child.
- (h) *Disposition*. After receiving any evidence relating to the disposition, the court shall enter one of the following dispositions within 10 days after the dispositional hearing:
- 1. A disposition dismissing the petition if the court determines that appointment as guardian of the child of the person nominated as guardian of the child is not in the best interests of the child.

- 2. A disposition ordering that the person nominated as guardian be appointed as the guardian of the child under sub. (4) (b) 1. or limited guardian under sub. (4) (b) 2., if the court determines that such an appointment is in the best interests of the child.
- (4) PARENTAL RIGHTS; DUTY AND AUTHORITY OF GUARDIAN. (a) *Parental rights*. The beginning of the duty and authority of a guardian under sub. (3) does not, in itself, divest a parent of any parental rights.
- (b) Duties and authority of guardian. 1. Unless limited under subd. 2., a guardian appointed under sub. (3) shall have all of the duties and authority specified in s. 48.023.
- 2. The court may order that the duties and authority of a guardian appointed under sub. (3) be limited. The duties and authority of a limited guardian shall be as specified by the order of appointment under sub. (3) (h) 2. All provisions of the statutes concerning the duties and authority of a guardian shall apply to a limited guardian appointed under sub. (3) to the extent those provisions are relevant to the duties or authority of the limited guardian, except as limited by the order of appointment.
- (5) REVISION OF GUARDIANSHIP ORDER. (a) The petitioner under sub. (3) (a) may request a revision in a guardianship order entered under this subsection or sub. (3) (h) 2., or the court may, on its own motion, propose such a revision. The request or court proposal shall set forth in detail the nature of the proposed revision, shall allege facts sufficient to show that there has been a substantial change in circumstances since the last order affecting the guardianship was entered and that the proposed revision would be in the best interests of the child and shall allege any other information that affects the advisability of the court's disposition.

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- (b) The court shall hold a hearing on the matter prior to any revision of the guardianship order if the request or court proposal indicates that new information is available that affects the advisability of the court's guardianship order, unless written waivers of objections to the revision are signed by all parties entitled to receive notice under sub. (3) (c) and the court approves the waivers.
- (c) If a hearing is to be held, the court shall notify the persons entitled to receive notice under sub. (3) (c) at least 7 days prior to the hearing of the date, place and purpose of the hearing. A copy of the request or proposal shall be attached to the notice. The court may order a revision if, at the hearing, the court finds that it has been proved by clear and convincing evidence that there has been a substantial change in circumstances and if the court determines that a revision would be in the best interests of the child.
- (6) TERMINATION OF GUARDIANSHIP. (a) Term of guardianship. A guardianship under this section shall continue until all custodial parents of the child attain the age of 18 years and complete a parenting class or until terminated by the court, whichever occurs earlier.
- (b) Removal for cause. 1. The petitioner under sub. (3) (a) may request that a guardian appointed under sub. (3) be removed for cause or the court may, on its own motion, propose such a removal. The request or court proposal shall allege facts sufficient to show that the guardian is or has been neglecting, is or has been refusing, or is or has been unable to discharge the guardian's trust and may allege facts relating to any other information that affects the advisability of the court's disposition.

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- 2. The court shall hold a hearing on the matter unless written waivers of objections to the removal are signed by all parties entitled to receive notice under sub. (3) (c) and the court approves the waivers.
- 3. If a hearing is to be held, the court shall notify the persons entitled to receive notice under sub. (3) (c) at least 7 days prior to the hearing of the date, place, and purpose of the hearing. A copy of the request or court proposal shall be attached to the notice. The court shall remove the guardian for cause if, at the hearing, the court finds that it has been proved by clear and convincing evidence that the guardian is or has been neglecting, is or has been refusing, or is or has been unable to discharge the guardian's trust and if the court determines that removal of the guardian would be in the best interests of the child.
- (c) Resignation of guardian. A person who is appointed as a guardian under sub. (3) (h) 2. may, at any time after his or her duty and authority as guardian begin, resign that appointment by executing a written resignation, filing the resignation with the court that issued the guardianship order, and notifying the petitioner in writing of that resignation. On compliance with this paragraph, the court may accept the resignation and rescind the guardianship order if the court determines that the resignation and rescission are in the best interests of the child.
- (d) Termination on termination of parental rights. If a court enters an order under s. 48.427 (3p) or 48.428 (2) (b), the court shall terminate the guardianship under this section.
- (7) RELATIONSHIP TO CH. 880. (a) Except when a different right, remedy, or procedure is provided under this section, the rights, remedies, and procedures provided in ch. 880 shall govern a guardianship created under this section.

1	(b) This section does not abridge the duties or authority of a guardian appointed
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3	(c) Nothing in this section prohibits an individual from petitioning a court for
4	the appointment of a guardian under ch. 880.
5	SECTION 10. 757.69 (1m) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:
6	757.69 (1m) (e) Conduct hearings, make findings, or issue orders in
7	proceedings under s. 48.977 or, 48.978, or 48.979.
	History: 1977 c. 323, 449; 1979 c. 32; 1979 c. 89; 1979 c. 209 s. 4; 1979 c. 352, 356; 1983 a. 279; 1985 a. 126, 202, 234, 332; 1987 a. 3, 27, 71, 378, 398; 1989 a. 7, 12, 31, 246; Sup. Ct. Order, 158 Wis. 2d xxv (1990); 1991 a. 39, 269; 1993 a. 318, 451, 481; 1995 a. 77; 1997 a. 191, 192, 292; 1999 a. 32; 2001 a. 16; 2001 a. 61 ss. 93 to 109, 173, 175, 177, 180; 2001 a. 105.
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9	808.075 (4) (a) 13. Revision of a guardianship order under s. 48.979 (5) or
10	termination of a guardianship order under s. 48.979 (6), including removal of a
11	guardian under s. 48.979 (6) (b) or rescission of a guardianship order under s. 48.979
12	(6) (c).
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#### Malaise, Gordon

From:

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Tuesday, October 11, 2005 4:37 PM

To: Cc: Malaise, Gordon Hilton, Stephanie

Subject:

changes to Rep. Wasserman's bill draft LRB 3387

Gordon,

Rep. Wasserman would like to make two changes to LRB 3387 (parenting classes & guardianship requirements for teen parents).

He would like to change the age this legislation applies to from children under 18 years old to children under 16 years old.

The other change he would like to make has to do with the juvenile court rulings. He wants the legislation to reflect that the court cannot rule that children under 16 are suitable parents and do not need a guardian for the infant.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the above changes.

Thanks! Stephanie

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