



## 2011 SENATE BILL 471

February 14, 2012 – Introduced by Senators HANSEN, TAYLOR and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, PASCH, POCAN, RADCLIFFE, ROYS, SPANBAUER and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Human Services, and Revenue.

1     **AN ACT to create** 165.85 (4) (b) 1d. g., 256.15 (6) (a) 5., 256.15 (8) (b) 4. and 256.15  
2           (9r) of the statutes; **relating to:** training in traumatic brain injury awareness  
3           for law enforcement officers, tribal officers, emergency medical technicians,  
4           and first responders and granting rule-making authority.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Law Enforcement Standards Board creates a training program that most law enforcement officers and tribal officers are required to complete. Current law requires the program to include some specialized training, including training in handling domestic abuse situations, training on emergency detention standards, awareness of Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases, responses to terrorist acts, and cultural diversity and sensitivity.

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) may license a person as an emergency medical technician or certify a person as a first responder if the person satisfactorily completes a course of instruction and training or otherwise demonstrates that he or she is sufficiently trained and educated in emergency care. Current law requires specialized training in responses to terrorist acts and allows DHS to set additional qualification requirements and to promulgate rules for specialized training.

This bill requires the training program for law enforcement officers and tribal officers and the course of instruction and training for emergency medical technicians and first responders to include specialized training in recognizing and interacting with persons who have suffered a traumatic brain injury.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 165.85 (4) (b) 1d. g. of the statutes is created to read:

2           165.85 (4) (b) 1d. g. Training on interacting with persons who have suffered  
3 traumatic brain injuries, including general knowledge of traumatic brain injuries  
4 and recognizing the symptoms of, and assessing a person’s behaviors to determine  
5 if they may be associated with, a traumatic brain injury.

6           **SECTION 2.** 256.15 (6) (a) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

7           256.15 (6) (a) 5. Have successfully completed the training under sub. (9r).

8           **SECTION 3.** 256.15 (8) (b) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

9           256.15 (8) (b) 4. The individual successfully completes the training under sub.  
10 (9r).

11          **SECTION 4.** 256.15 (9r) of the statutes is created to read:

12          256.15 (9r)   **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY TRAINING.**   The department shall  
13 promulgate rules requiring emergency medical technicians, first responders, and  
14 individuals who apply for an initial license as an emergency medical technical or for  
15 initial certification as a first responder to successfully complete training on  
16 traumatic brain injuries. The training shall include general knowledge of traumatic  
17 brain injuries and recognizing the symptoms of, and assessing a person’s behaviors  
18 to determine if they may be associated with, a traumatic brain injury.

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**(END)**