



2015 SENATE BILL 802

April 7, 2016 – Introduced by Senator L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on
Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 301.044 and 950.04 (1v) (vr) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 notifying crime victims of an inmate’s assignment to any school, vocational
3 program, or treatment program during the inmate’s period of confinement in
4 prison.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to notify a victim who requests notification when the person convicted of a crime against the victim is assigned to any school, vocational program, or treatment program while in prison. The bill requires to department to make cards available to victims by which the victim can request notification and to make a reasonable effort to notify the victim within ten days after the inmate is assigned to a school, vocational program, or treatment program.

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:

5 **SECTION 1.** 301.044 of the statutes is created to read:

SENATE BILL 802**SECTION 1**

1 **301.044 Notification of educational or vocational assignments.** (1) In
2 this section:

3 (a) “Educational or vocational assignment” means the assignment of an
4 inmate, while the inmate is confined in prison, to any school, vocational program, or
5 treatment program.

6 (b) “Inmate” means the person who was convicted of an offense against the
7 victim.

8 (c) “Victim” has the meaning given in s. 950.02 (4).

9 **(2)** The department shall design and prepare cards for a victim of any crime
10 for which an inmate is sentenced to confinement in prison to send to the department.
11 The cards shall have space for the victim to provide his or her name and address, the
12 name of the applicable inmate, and any other information the department
13 determines is necessary. The department shall provide the cards without charge to
14 district attorneys. District attorneys shall provide the cards without charge to the
15 victim, who may send completed cards to the department. All department records
16 or portions of records that relate to mailing addresses of these persons are not subject
17 to inspection or copying under s. 19.35 (1).

18 **(3)** Upon receiving a card from a victim, the department shall make a
19 reasonable effort to send notification of all of an inmate’s educational or vocational
20 assignments to the last-known address of the victim. The department shall send the
21 notification not more than 10 days after the inmate receives an educational or
22 vocational assignment.

23 **SECTION 2.** 950.04 (1v) (vr) of the statutes is created to read:

