



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 101**  
[2015 Assembly Bill 193]

**Definition of Relative for  
Notification and Placement**

Under **current law**, the Department of Children and Families, county departments of human or social services, and child welfare agencies must attempt to locate and notify certain relatives when a child is removed from the custody of the child's parent and must inform those relatives of their options to participate in the care and placement of the child. In most circumstances, those relatives must be considered as a temporary or permanent placement option for the child.

In order to bring state law into compliance with the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, **2015 Wisconsin Act 101** expands the definition of relative to include the parent of a child's sibling if that parent has custody of the sibling.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.