September 14, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, ALLEN, BALLWEG, BORN, E. BROOKS, EDMING, GANNON, HORLACHER, KNODL, KULP and A. OTT, cosponsored by Senators HARSdorf, WANGGAARD, MARKLEIN, STROEBEL and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Corrections.

1 AN ACT to repeal 968.255 (2) (ar) of the statutes; relating to: strip searches of certain detained persons.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law sets forth guidelines for conducting a strip search of a person who is arrested and incarcerated, imprisoned, or otherwise detained for a felony, certain misdemeanors, or otherwise taken into the custody of a law enforcement agency or correctional institution.

Under current law, a person who is arrested or otherwise detained or taken into custody but who is not arrested for a felony or for certain misdemeanors, and who is not reasonably suspected of concealing a weapon or concealing evidence, may be strip searched if the person will be detained with one or more other persons, if that person is to be incarcerated, imprisoned, or otherwise detained for at least 12 hours.

This bill removes the requirement, for a person who is arrested or otherwise detained or taken into custody but who is not arrested for a felony or for certain misdemeanors, and who is not reasonably suspected of concealing a weapon or concealing evidence, that the person be incarcerated, imprisoned, or otherwise detained for at least 12 hours.

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SECTION 1. 968.255 (2) (ar) of the statutes is repealed.