

2017 DRAFTING REQUEST**Bill**For: **Terese Berceau (608) 266-3784** Drafter: **ewheeler**By: **Jennifer** Secondary Drafters:Date: **8/23/2017** May Contact:

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Submit via email: **YES**
 Requester's email: **Rep.Berceau@legis.wisconsin.gov**
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 directly from /P1 to /1)

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Wheeler, Elizabeth

From: Broberg2, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Wheeler, Elizabeth; Dodge, Tamara
Cc: Duchek, Michael
Subject: RE: Bill redraft request

Great! No hurry, just having a sense of when we might get it is helpful.

Thanks,
Jen

From: Wheeler, Elizabeth
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Broberg2, Jennifer <Jennifer.Broberg2@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Dodge, Tamara <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Duchek, Michael <Michael.Duchek@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill redraft request

Hi Jen,

Yep, we are working on this bill, it should get to you in the next couple of days. Did you need it by a certain day?

Thanks,

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From: Broberg2, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Dodge, Tamara <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Wheeler, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Wheeler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Duchek, Michael <Michael.Duchek@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Thank you!

From: Dodge, Tamara
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Broberg2, Jennifer <Jennifer.Broberg2@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Wheeler, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Wheeler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Duchek, Michael <Michael.Duchek@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Jen,

I think some other drafters have started working on this for you. I believe that Elizabeth Wheeler and Mike Duchek will be handling it. I have copied them on this email and they can get back to you if they need additional information beyond what you have provided.

Tami

Tamara J. Dodge

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From: Broberg2, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Dodge, Tamara <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Bill redraft request

Just checking in to see if you need any further information from me.

Thanks!
Jen

From: Broberg2, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Dodge, Tamara <Tamara.Dodge@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Bill redraft request

I have attached a copy of the bill (and included a link below as well) of the bill Rep. Berceau needs redrafted.

2015 bill draft:
<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/proposals/ab959.pdf>

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for your help,
Jen

Jennifer Broberg
Office of State Rep. Terese Berceau
Phone: 608-266-3784



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 959

8/25
or 8/28

NO INSULT

February 26, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives BERCEAU, JOHNSON, OHNSTAD, POPE, SUBECK and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Health.

Region

1 AN ACT to repeal 948.03 (6); and to amend 48.981 (3) (c) 3., 48.981 (3) (c) 4.,
2 448.03 (6) and 938.505 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes; relating to: elimination of a
3 provision that excepts spiritual treatment of a child in the law criminalizing
4 physical abuse of a child and in the laws governing the practice of medicine or
5 surgery, the investigation of child abuse or neglect, the administration of
6 psychotropic medication to juveniles in correctional custody, and the election of
7 Christian Science treatment in lieu of medical or surgical treatment.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, physical abuse of a child, including intentional causation of bodily harm, reckless causation of bodily harm, and failure by persons responsible for a child's welfare to act to prevent bodily harm is a felony. However, current law provides that a person is not guilty of physical abuse of a child solely because he or she provides certain forms of spiritual treatment versus medical or surgical treatment. This bill eliminates this provision.

Under current law, a county department of human services or social services (county department) that receives a report of suspected or threatened abuse or neglect by a caregiver of a child must investigate to determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur and whether the child, a member of the child's family, or the child's guardian or legal custodian is in need of services. Current

intention of
child
This bill eliminates certain protections for the election of spiritual, prayer, or faith-based healing on behalf of a child. This bill makes the use of prayer or healing for a child in lieu of medical or surgical treatment child abuse if the child suffers bodily harm as a result of the neglect or medical specific danger to the physical or emotional health of the child.

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law, however, provides that a determination ^{of child} ~~that~~ abuse or neglect ~~has occurred~~ may not be based solely on the fact that the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian in good faith selects and relies on prayer or other religious means for treatment of disease or for remedial care of the child. This bill eliminates that provision and instead provides that a county department may not base a determination that a child, a member of a child's family, or a child's guardian or legal custodian is in need of services solely on the fact that the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian has cultural or religious child-rearing beliefs and employs cultural or religious child-rearing practices that differ from general community standards, unless those beliefs and practices present a specific danger to the physical or emotional health or safety of the child.

Under current law, the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the Juvenile Justice Code (juvenile court) may grant permission for the Department of Corrections (DOC) or a county department to administer psychotropic medication to a juvenile 14 years of age or over who is under the supervision of DOC or the county department and who wishes to be administered such medication if the consent of the juvenile's parent or guardian is unreasonably withheld, a physician has determined that the juvenile is in need of such medication, and the juvenile is competent to consent to the administration of such medication. Current law, however, provides that the juvenile court may not determine that a parent's or guardian's consent is unreasonably withheld solely because the parent or guardian relies on treatment by spiritual means through prayer for healing in accordance with his or her religious tradition. This bill eliminates that provision. ~~the current law provision~~

Current law provides that a person who elects Christian Science treatment in lieu of medical or surgical treatment for the cure of disease may not be compelled to submit to medical or surgical treatment. The bill limits the provision to apply only to the election of Christian Science treatment by an adult patient.

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:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 48.981 (3) (c) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 48.981 (3) (c) 3. If the county department or, in a county having a population
- 3 of ~~500,000~~ ^{750,000} or more, the department or a licensed child welfare agency under contract
- 4 with the department determines that a child, any member of ~~the~~ a child's family, or
- 5 ~~the~~ a child's guardian or legal custodian is in need of services or that the expectant
- 6 mother of an unborn child is in need of services, the county department, department,

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1 or licensed child welfare agency shall offer to provide appropriate services or to make
2 arrangements for the provision of services. A determination that a child, a member
3 of a child's family, a child's guardian or legal custodian, or an expectant mother of an
4 unborn child is in need of services may not be based solely on the fact that the child's
5 parent, guardian, or legal custodian or the expectant mother has cultural or religious
6 child-rearing beliefs and employs cultural or religious child-rearing practices that
7 differ from general community standards, unless those beliefs and practices present
8 a specific danger to the physical or emotional health or safety of the child. If the
9 child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian or the expectant mother refuses to accept
10 the services, the county department, department, or licensed child welfare agency
11 may request that a petition be filed under s. 48.13 alleging that the child who is the
12 subject of the report or any other child in the home is in need of protection or services
13 or that a petition be filed under s. 48.133 alleging that the unborn child who is the
14 subject of the report is in need of protection or services.

15 **SECTION 2.** 48.981 (3) (c) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 48.981 (3) (c) 4. The county department or, in a county having a population of
17 500,000 ¹⁰ 750,000 or more, the department or a licensed child welfare agency under contract
18 with the department shall determine, within 60 days after receipt of a report that the
19 county department, department, or licensed child welfare agency investigates under
20 subd. 1., whether abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur. The
21 determination shall be based on a preponderance of the evidence produced by the
22 investigation. ~~A determination that abuse or neglect has occurred may not be based~~
23 ~~solely on the fact that the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian in good faith~~
24 ~~selects and relies on prayer or other religious means for treatment of disease or for~~
25 ~~remedial care of the child.~~ In making a determination that emotional damage has

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1 occurred, the county department or, in a county having a population of 500,000 or ^{750,000}
2 more, the department or a licensed child welfare agency under contract with the
3 department shall give due regard to the culture of the subjects. ~~This subdivision does~~
4 ~~not prohibit a court from ordering medical services for the child if the child's health~~
5 ~~requires it.~~

6 **SECTION 3.** 448.03 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 448.03 (6) PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. No law of this state regulating the
8 practice of medicine and surgery may be construed to interfere with the practice of
9 Christian Science. ~~A person~~ An adult who elects Christian Science treatment in lieu
10 of medical or surgical treatment for the cure of disease may not be compelled to
11 submit to medical or surgical treatment.

12 **SECTION 4.** 938.505 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

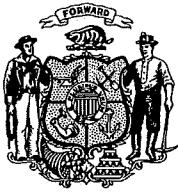
13 938.505 (2) (a) 1. The parent's or guardian's consent is unreasonably withheld,
14 the parent or guardian cannot be found, or there is no parent with legal custody,
15 ~~except that the court may not determine that a parent's or guardian's consent is~~
16 ~~unreasonably withheld solely because the parent or guardian relies on treatment by~~
17 ~~spiritual means through prayer for healing in accordance with his or her religious~~
18 ~~tradition.~~

19 **SECTION 5.** 948.03 (6) of the statutes is repealed. ⁴

20 **SECTION 6. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS. The treatment of section 48.981 (3)
22 (c) 3. and 4. of the statutes first applies to abuse or neglect that occurs on the effective
23 date of this subsection.

24 (END)



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

NO
changes

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24 (END)

Parisi, Lori

From: Peloquin, Traci
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:07 AM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: Draft Review: LRB -4179/1

Please Jacket LRB -4179/1 for the ASSEMBLY.