AN ACT to create 48.02 (3t) of the statutes; relating to: defining dental care for the purpose of consenting for services for a child in out-of-home care.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill defines “dental care” for the purpose of a legal custodian providing ordinary medical and dental care for a child.

Under current law, a legal custodian of a child is an individual, other than a parent or guardian or an agency, to whom a court has transferred certain legal duties and responsibilities with respect to a child, including the responsibility to provide ordinary medical and dental care for the child. Under current law, the rights and duties of a legal custodian remain subject to the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the guardian of the child and any residual parental rights and responsibilities.

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

SECTION 1. 48.02 (3t) of the statutes is created to read:

48.02 (3t) “Dental care,” for purposes of providing ordinary medical and dental care, means routine dental care, including diagnostic and preventative services, and treatment including restoring teeth, tooth extractions, and use of nitrous oxide.