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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law many references to marriage or families use gender-based language such as "mother," "father," "wife," or "husband."

This bill recognizes same-sex marriage by making references in the statutes to spouses, gender-neutral, with the intent of harmonizing the Wisconsin Status with the holding of the U.S. Supreme in Obergefell v. Hodeges, 135 S. Ct. 2584, 192 L. Ed. 2d 609 (2015), which recognizes that same-sex couples have a fundamental constitutional right to marriage.

This bill repeals and changes specific references and cross references Wis. Stat. 115.76 (12)(a) 2., 115.76 (12) (a) 3., 115.76 (12) (a) 4., 115.76 (12) (a) 5., and 115.76 (13), from terms like "mother" or "father" to gender-neutral terms such as "natural parent," or just "parent" or removes the definitional law references altogether with gender-specific language.

State: No direct impact

This bill has no direct impact on state administrative and fiscal operations. Statutory references in administrative forms or in legal guidance will require updates to reflect the change in state statute. This impact is anticipated to be absorbable and minimal by current operations.

Local: No direct impact

This bill has little to no direct impact on school administrative and fiscal operations. Statutory references in administrative forms or in legal guidance will require updates to reflect the change in state statute. This impact is anticipated to be absorbable and minimal by current operations.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

There are no anticipated long-range fiscal implications from this bill.