March 25, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives CALLAHAN, SCHRAA, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, GOYKE, KITCHENS, KNODL, MURPHY, ROZAR, SNYDER, SPIROS, THIESFELDT and NEYLON, cosponsored by Senators FEYEN, BALLWEG, FELZKOWSKI, MARKLEIN, NASS, RINGHAND, L TAYLOR and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Corrections.

AN ACT to amend 114.045 (1) of the statutes; relating to: operation of drones over correctional institutions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits the operation of a drone over a correctional institution. Any person who violates this prohibition may be required to forfeit not more than $5,000. Under this bill, the prohibition does not apply to those who are operating a drone over a correctional institution with the express authorization of the secretary of corrections or his or her designee.

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

SECTION 1. 114.045 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

114.045 (1) No person may operate a drone, as defined in s. 941.292 (1), over a correctional institution, as defined in s. 801.02 (7) (a) 1., including any grounds of the institution, without the express authorization of the secretary of corrections or his or her designee.