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2021 SENATE BILL 403

June 10, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Feyen and Marklein, cosponsored by Representatives Sortwell, Armstrong, Behnke, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Edming, Moses, Murphy, Rozar, Schraa, Spiros and Tusler. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

- 1 AN ACT to renumber and amend 940.20 (4); to amend 940.20 (4) (title); and
- 2 to create 940.20 (4) (a) of the statutes; relating to: battery or threat to a public
- 3 officer and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, it is a Class I felony to cause bodily harm to a public officer in order to influence the action of the public officer or as a result of any official action taken by the public officer. This bill adds that it is also a Class I felony to threaten to cause bodily harm to the public officer or to cause or threaten to cause bodily harm to a family member of the public officer.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

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

- **Section 1.** 940.20 (4) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 940.20 (4) (title) Battery or threat to public officers.
- 6 **Section 2.** 940.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 940.20 (4) (b) and amended
- 7 to read:

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SECTION 2

940.20 (4) (b) Whoever intentionally causes or threatens to cause bodily harm
to a public officer or a public officer's family member in order to influence the action
of such <u>public</u> officer or as a result of any action taken <u>by the public officer</u> within an
official capacity, without the consent of the person threatened or injured, is guilty of
a Class I felony.
Section 3. 940.20 (4) (a) of the statutes is created to read:
940.20 (4) (a) In this subsection, "family member" means a parent, spouse,
sibling, child, stepchild, foster child, niece, nephew, or grandchild.

(END)