

1983 Assembly Bill 587

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1983 Wisconsin Act 351

AN ACT *to renumber 48.365 (2) (c); to amend 48.63 (1); and to create 48.365 (2m) (b) of the statutes, relating to voluntary placement in foster and group homes and extension of dispositional orders.*

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

SECTION 1. 48.365 (2) (c) of the statutes are renumbered 48.365 (2m) (a).

SECTION 2. 48.365 (2m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

48.365 (2m) (b) If a child has been placed outside the home under s. 48.345 and an extension is ordered under this subsection, the judge shall state in the record the reason for the extension.

SECTION 3. 48.63 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.63 (1) Acting pursuant to court order or voluntary agreement, the child's parent or guardian or the department, a county agency performing child welfare services under s. 48.56 (1) or a child welfare agency licensed to place children in foster homes, may place a child or negotiate or act as intermediary for the placement of a child in a foster home or group home. Voluntary agreements under this subsection may not be used for placements in facilities other than foster or group homes. ~~Placements made under this subsection and may not be extended. A foster home placement~~ under a voluntary agreement shall be for a period of time may not to exceed 6 months and shall not be extended. The 6-month limitation does. A group home placement under a voluntary agreement may not exceed 15 days. These time limitations do not apply to placements made under ss. 48.34 and 48.345. Voluntary agreements can only may be made only under this subsection and shall be in writing and shall specifically state that the agreement can be terminated at any time by the parent or by the child if the child's consent to the agreement is required. The child's consent to the agreement is required whenever the child is 12 years of age or older.
