

1983 Assembly Bill 561

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1983 Wisconsin Act 487

AN ACT to amend 46.206 (1) (b) and 48.396 (2) of the statutes, relating to access to court records of children.

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

SECTION 1. 46.206 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.206 (1) (b) All records of the department and all county records relating to social services, aid to families with dependent children and aid under ss. 49.18, 49.20 and 49.61, 1971 stats., as affected by chapter 90, laws of 1973, shall be open to inspection at all reasonable hours by authorized representatives of the federal government. All Notwithstanding s. 48.396 (2), all county records relating to the administration of such services and public assistance shall be open to inspection at all reasonable hours by authorized representatives of the department.

SECTION 2. 48.396 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.396 (2) Records of the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under this chapter and of courts exercising jurisdiction under s. 48.17 (2) shall be entered in books or deposited in files kept for that purpose only. They shall not be open to inspection or their contents disclosed except by order of the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under this chapter. Upon request of the department to review court records for the purpose of monitoring and conducting periodic evaluations of activities as required by and implemented under 45 CFR 1355, 1356, 1357 and 1392, the court shall open those records for inspection by authorized representatives of the department. Upon request of the federal government to review court records for the purpose of monitoring and conducting periodic evaluations of activities as required by and implemented under 45 CFR 1355, 1356, 1357 and 1392, the court shall open those records for inspection by authorized representatives of the federal agency.
