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## ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 13, TO 1995 SENATE BILL 501

March 21, 1996 - Offered by Representative R. Young.

At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

**1.** Page 42, line 11: before that line insert:

"Section 32m. 48.23 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 1995 Wisconsin Act 27, is amended to read:

48.23 (2) RIGHT OF PARENTS TO COUNSEL. Whenever a child is the subject of a proceeding involving a contested adoption or the involuntary termination of parental rights or a guardianship proceeding under s. 48.977, any parent under 18 years of age who appears before the court shall be represented by counsel; but no such parent may waive counsel. A minor parent petitioning for the voluntary termination of parental rights shall be represented by a guardian ad litem. If In a proceeding involves involving a contested adoption or the involuntary termination of parental rights or a guardianship proceeding under s. 48.977, any parent 18 years old or older who appears before the court shall be represented by counsel; but the parent may waive counsel provided the court is satisfied such waiver is knowingly and voluntarily made.".

2. Page 87, line 8: after that line insert:

- "7m. A statement that the child's parent has a right to legal counsel, regardless of ability to pay, as provided in s. 48.23 (2) and ch. 977.".
- 3 (END)