



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0136 - Hate Crime Hotline

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
JUSTICE

Hate crimes reporting portal

This bill requires DOJ to develop an Internet-based reporting system and a telephone hotline for the reporting of hate crimes. Under the bill, DOJ must conduct a public education campaign on hate crimes and where to report them and must collect data relating to the reporting of hate crimes.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 165.73 of the statutes is created to read:

165.73 Hate crimes reporting. (1) In this section, "hate crime" means an act described under s. 939.645 (1).

(2) The department of justice shall provide a publicly accessible Internet-based reporting system and a telephone hotline for the reporting of hate

crimes. The department of justice shall ensure that the reporting system and hotline do all of the following:

(a) Relay a report of a hate crime to the appropriate employee of the department or law enforcement officer for investigation.

(b) Direct individuals to appropriate local support services.

(c) Maintain confidentiality for any personally identifiable information that an individual provides through the reporting system or hotline, except as needed for investigative, legal, or crime victims service purposes.

(d) Are staffed by individuals who are trained to be knowledgeable about applicable federal, state, and local hate crime laws and law enforcement and support services.

(3) The department of justice shall collaborate with community organizations to provide a public education campaign to raise awareness of hate crimes and to promote the reporting of hate crimes using the reporting system and hotline described in sub. (2).

(4) The department of justice shall collect data on hate crime reporting under sub. (2).

(END)