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1       **AN ACT** *to create* 253.035 of the statutes; **relating to:** a report on information related  
2           to hospital neonatal intensive care units.

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

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Infant Mortality.

This draft requires the Department of Health Services (DHS), beginning on January 1, 2012, to collect from hospitals with a neonatal intensive care unit the daily census of the neonatal intensive care unit and the criteria for admission to the neonatal intensive care unit. The draft specifies that beginning on June 30, 2013, DHS must annually prepare a report that includes this information from the previous year and must make the report available to the public and post it on the DHS website.

3       **SECTION 1.** 253.035 of the statutes is created to read:

4       **253.035 Neonatal intensive care unit report.** (1) In this section, “neonatal intensive  
5       care unit” means a hospital unit on which special equipment and skilled medical personnel  
6       for the care of high–risk infants requiring immediate or continuous attention are concentrated.

7       (2) (a) Beginning January 1, 2012, the department shall collect all of the following  
8       information from hospitals that have a neonatal intensive care unit:

- 9           1. The daily census of the neonatal intensive care unit
- 10          2. The criteria for admission to the neonatal intensive care unit.

11       (b) Beginning June 30, 2013, the department shall annually prepare a report that  
12       includes all of the information in par. (a) from the previous calendar year. The department

1 shall make the report available to the public and post the report on the department's Internet  
2 website.

3 (END)