

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 48.981 (1) (bm) and 48.981 (2) (a) 16r. of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 making certain employees, volunteers, and contractors of institutions of higher
3 education mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Reporting of Child Abuse and Child Neglect.

Current law requires certain professionals to report suspected abuse and neglect of children and unborn children. A person who is mandated to report must do so if he or she has reasonable cause to suspect that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been abused or neglected or has reason to believe that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur. Mandated reporters are subject to criminal penalties if they fail to report.

The bill draft adds to the list of persons required to report suspected child abuse or neglect employees, volunteers, and contractors of an institution of higher education. The bill draft limits this requirement to those employees, volunteers, and contractors who work directly with children at least 40 hours in a school year.

4 **SECTION 1.** 48.981 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

5 48.981 (1) (bm) “Contractor” means, with respect to an entity, a person, or that person’s
6 agent, who provides services to the entity under an express or implied contract or subcontract,
7 including a person who has staff privileges at the entity.

8 **SECTION 2.** 48.981 (2) (a) 16r. of the statutes is created to read:

