



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1026/1
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2021 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 48.47 (9) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring the
2 transmission of citizen review panel annual reports and the written responses
3 of the Department of Children and Families to the appropriate legislative
4 standing committees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Public Disclosure and Oversight of Child Abuse and Neglect Incidents.

Background

The federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) generally requires states to establish at least three citizen review panels in order to receive CAPTA grant funds. Pursuant to this requirement, eight citizen review panels currently exist in Wisconsin. CAPTA requires that each citizen review panel report annually and provide a summary of the activities of the panel and recommendations to improve the child protection services systems at the state and local levels. In addition, within six months of the date on which the report is submitted, the Department of Children and

