



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 48.21 (1) (c) 2. and 938.21 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** information included in a standardized assessment for a child in custody in
3 certain facilities (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of
4 Children and Families).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law in the Children’s Code and Juvenile Justice Code, if a child is held in temporary custody in a residential care center for children and youth, a group home, or a shelter care facility, a trained professional or licensed clinician must conduct a standardized assessment of the child. The assessment must describe how the placement is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child “as specified in the permanency plan” in current statutes. The standardized assessment must be submitted to the court, which must make a finding as to the items in the standardized assessment, including whether the placement is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child “as identified in the permanency planning” in current statutes.

This bill conforms the language describing the information that must be in the standardized assessment regarding the placement’s consistency with permanency planning goals with the language describing the finding that the court must make, to clarify that the permanency plan does not need to be complete at the time when the standardized assessment is done.

