



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 42

January 26, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, LADWIG, GOETSCH, GROTHMAN, SILBAUGH, HAHN, DOBYNS, AINSWORTH, PORTER, ZIEGELBAUER, SCHNEIDERS, KREIBICH, WILDER, BOYLE, FREESE, GUNDERSON, OTTE, ALBERS, MORRIS-TATUM, HUEBSCH, BRANDEMUEHL and HASENOHRL, cosponsored by Senators ZIEN, MOEN and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to create** 946.71 of the statutes; **relating to:** giving false information to
2 mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect and providing
3 penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, physicians, social workers, school teachers and other specified persons must report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect regarding a child seen in the course of professional duties. This bill prohibits a person from knowingly giving false information about child abuse or neglect to a person who is required to report child abuse or neglect. Upon conviction, violators may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 946.71 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **946.71 False information to person required to report about child**
6 **abuse or neglect.** (1) In this section:
7 (a) "Abuse" has the meaning given in s. 48.981 (1) (a).
8 (b) "Neglect" has the meaning given in s. 48.981 (1) (d).

