



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Assembly Bill 1179**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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*Assembly Bill 1179* does the following:

- Requires a law enforcement agency to conduct an investigation or refer the matter to a different law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction if a victim of a crime that has been committed against a child under ch. 940, 944, or 948 of the Criminal Code informs the law enforcement agency of that crime and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the crime is being or has been committed.
- Requires a law enforcement agency to investigate whether information in a police report is incorrect and correct the report if the investigation confirms that the information is incorrect if a victim of a crime notifies the law enforcement agency that information in the police report is incorrect.
- Adds to the bill of rights for victims and witnesses that a victim has the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect for their privacy.
- Requires each law enforcement agency involved in investigating a crime, the prosecutor, and the court to maintain a victim's name, address, place of employment, telephone number, and other personal or identifying information, including information relating to the victim's family, in a manner that reasonably prevents the information from being disclosed to the public, upon request of the victim. The bill permits the court to enter appropriate orders to prevent information that is described above and that is disclosed to the defendant from being redisclosed to the public.

*Assembly Amendment 1* deletes the provisions of the bill requiring law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and courts to keep information about the victim confidential upon request of the victim.

**Legislative History**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Suder and Pettis. On May 2, 2006, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 84; Noes, 10; Paired 2.

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