

## State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 443

October 18, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives Hesselbein, Krug, Berceau, Brooks, Genrich, Kahl, Kerkman and Thiesfeldt. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

- 1 AN ACT to create 48.654 of the statutes; relating to: the unexplained absence
- 2 of a child receiving care from a child care provider.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who holds a license or a probationary license to operate a child care center, a person certified as a child care provider for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works child care subsidy program, or a person established or contracted by a school board to provide a child care program (collectively, "child care provider") must comply with certain statutes and rules to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the children in the child care provider's care. Under this bill, before providing care and supervision to a child, a child care provider must obtain from the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian the child's expected arrival time for each day on which care and supervision is to be provided. If the child has not arrived at the provider's facility by one hour past the child's expected arrival time and if the absence is unexplained, the child care provider must contact by telephone the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, or the individual designated as the child's emergency contact.

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

**Section 1.** 48.654 of the statutes is created to read:

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<b>48.654 Unexplained absence.</b> (1) In this section, "child care provi	der"
means a child care center that holds a license under s. 48.65 or a probationary lic	ense
under s. 48.69, a child care provider that is certified under s. 48.651, or a child	care
program that is established or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14).	

- (2) Prior to providing care and supervision to a child, a child care provider shall obtain from the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian the child's expected arrival time for each day on which care and supervision is to be provided.
- (3) If a child who is receiving care and supervision from a child care provider has not arrived at the child care provider's facility by one hour past the child's expected arrival time and if the absence is unexplained, the child care provider shall contact the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian by telephone to determine a reason for the absence. If unable to reach the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian, the child care provider shall contact by telephone any other individual designated as an emergency contact for the child.

15 (END)