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2015 SENATE BILL 793

March 21, 2016 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT and BEWLEY. Referred to
Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 19.32 (1); and *to create* 19.36 (13n) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** records of railroads regarding trespass.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes a person who owns or operates a railroad or part of a railroad as a common carrier in Wisconsin subject to the state's public records laws, but only with respect to records that relate to trespassing upon the railroad's tracks, including records related to a citation, arrest, or other action taken against an individual for trespass.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 19.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 19.32 (1) "Authority" means any of the following having custody of a record: a
5 state or local office, elective official, agency, board, commission, committee, council,
6 department or public body corporate and politic created by the constitution or by any
7 law, ordinance, rule or order; a governmental or quasi-governmental corporation
8 except for the Bradley center sports and entertainment corporation; a special

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1 purpose district; any court of law; the assembly or senate; a nonprofit corporation
2 which receives more than 50% of its funds from a county or a municipality, as defined
3 in s. 59.001 (3), and which provides services related to public health or safety to the
4 county or municipality; a university police department under s. 175.42; a person who
5 owns or operates a railroad or part of a railroad as a common carrier in this state;
6 or a formally constituted subunit of any of the foregoing.

7 **SECTION 2.** 19.36 (13n) of the statutes is created to read:

8 19.36 (13n) RECORDS OF A RAILROAD. A record of an authority who owns or
9 operates a railroad or part of a railroad as a common carrier in this state and who
10 is not otherwise an authority is subject to the right of inspection or copying under s.
11 19.35 (1) only if the record relates to trespassing upon a track of the railroad,
12 including records related to a citation, arrest, or other action taken against an
13 individual for such trespass.

14 (END)