

RESOLUTION # 87 - 20 15

TO: The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

RE: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT 2015 SENATE BILL 204 (2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 284) RELATING TO CAUSING OR THREATENING BODILY HARM TO CERTAIN CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE WORKERS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY

WHEREAS, under current law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm to another without the other person's consent commits the crime of ordinary battery, the penalties for which increase depending on the severity of the injury the person causes his or her victim. A person convicted of ordinary battery is subject to fines and periods of imprisonment. Current law provides more severe penalties for battery committed under certain circumstances against certain government officials, employees and agents; and

WHEREAS, among those covered under these "special circumstances battery" provisions are law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and probation, parole, and aftercare agents. A person convicted of intentionally causing bodily harm to these employees is guilty of a Class H felony and may be fined not more than \$10,000 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six years, or both; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation extends the special circumstances battery provisions to a person who is employed by, or under contract with, a court, a county department of human or social services, a tribal child welfare agency, or the department of children and families to provide intake, dispositional, or other services relating to child welfare or juvenile justice workers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the below-named members of the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee and the below-named Health & Human Services Board recommend adoption of the above resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors does support proposed legislation extending the special circumstances battery provisions to a person who is employed by, or under contract with, a court, a county department of human or social services, a tribal child welfare agency, or the department of children and families, to provide intake, dispositional or other services relating to child welfare or juvenile justice workers; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Wisconsin Counties and to the Legislature and to the Governor.

Submitted this 24th day of September 2015

By: LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY

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Reviewed by Corporation Counsel:

Adopted by Vote:

Ayes: 30 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Initials of
Corp. Counsel

Date
Reviewed

STATE OF WISCONSIN }
County of Oconto }
I, Kim Pytkeski, }
do hereby certify }
that the above is a true and correct copy of the }
original now on file in the office of the County Clerk and }
that it was adopted by the Oconto County Board of }
Supervisors on this date. }
Date: 9/24/15 }
[Signature] }
County Clerk }