



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1052

February 2, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives BILLINGS, O'CONNOR, EMERSON, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MAXEY, BINSFELD, CONLEY, SNODGRASS, MURSAU, PALMERI, JOERS, DITTRICH, RATCLIFF, S. JOHNSON, OHNSTAD, SUBECK, DRAKE, MADISON, BEHNKE, SINICKI, CONSIDINE, J. ANDERSON, BRANDTJEN, SCHRAA, JACOBSON and KITCHENS, cosponsored by Senators JAMES, L. JOHNSON, WIRCH and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 940.302 (4), 948.051 (4), 950.04 (1v) (eg) and 950.04 (2w) (fg)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** courtroom supports for and sealing the identifying
3 information of child victims and child witnesses of human trafficking crimes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides certain additional rights and protections to victims and witnesses during their involvement with the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.

This bill provides that child victims or child witnesses of human trafficking crimes must be provided any courtroom supports that the court finds necessary to support the health, safety, or liberty of the child and determines are in the interest of justice.

The bill also provides that in any criminal proceeding for a human trafficking violation or civil action for injury due to human trafficking, a child victim's or child witness's identifying information must be sealed and may not be disclosed to the public unless the court orders the disclosure to be made after a hearing in which the court takes into consideration the health, safety, and liberty of the child and determines that the disclosure is in the interest of justice.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

