

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 449

July 12, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives Bowen, VINING, HONG, ANDERSON, BALDEH, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, EMERSON, HEBL, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, SHELTON and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, AGARD, LARSON and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 AN ACT to create 175.65 of the statutes; relating to: information cards to be

2 distributed by law enforcement officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires each Wisconsin law enforcement agency that has a website to provide a link on its website home page to a clear description of the process by which an individual may file a formal complaint regarding his or her interaction with a law enforcement officer. The bill also requires each Wisconsin law enforcement agency to provide to each of its law enforcement officers an information card that contains the officer's name, the officer's badge number, the telephone number of the officer's direct supervisor, and either a link to the law enforcement agency's formal complaint web page or, if the law enforcement agency doesn't have a website, a clear description of the process by which an individual may file a formal complaint regarding his or her interaction with the law enforcement officer. The bill also requires each Wisconsin law enforcement officer to provide such an information card upon request to any individual with whom he or she comes into contact in his or her official capacity.

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:

ASSEMBLY BILL 449

SECTION 1. 175.65 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **175.65 Law enforcement officer information cards. (1)** In this section:

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- (a) "Law enforcement officer" has the meaning given in s. 165.85 (2) (c).
- 4 (b) "Wisconsin law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in s. 165.77 (1)
 5 (c) and includes the department of justice and a tribal law enforcement agency.

6 (2) Each Wisconsin law enforcement agency that has an Internet site shall, on 7 the home page of its Internet site, provide a link to a page that contains a clear 8 description of the process by which an individual may file a formal complaint 9 regarding his or her interaction with a law enforcement officer.

10 (3) Each Wisconsin law enforcement agency shall provide each of its law 11 enforcement officers with information cards that contain the officer's name, the 12 officer's badge number, the telephone number of the officer's direct supervisor, and 13 either a link to the law enforcement agency's formal complaint page on its Internet 14 site or, if the law enforcement agency does not have an Internet site, a clear 15 description of the process by which an individual may file a formal complaint 16 regarding his or her interaction with the law enforcement officer

- (4) Each Wisconsin law enforcement officer shall, upon request, provide to any
 individual with whom he or she makes contact in his or her official capacity an
 information card described under sub. (3).
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