



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 540

February 7, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives BERCEAU, PASCH, POCAN, RADCLIFFE, ROYS, SPANBAUER and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, LASSA and TAYLOR, by request of Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin. Referred to Committee on Public Health and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to create** 165.85 (4) (b) 1d. g., 256.15 (6) (a) 5., 256.15 (8) (b) 4. and 256.15
2 (9r) of the statutes; **relating to:** training in traumatic brain injury awareness
3 for law enforcement officers, tribal officers, emergency medical technicians,
4 and first responders and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Law Enforcement Standards Board creates a training program that most law enforcement officers and tribal officers are required to complete. Current law requires the program to include some specialized training, including training in handling domestic abuse situations, training on emergency detention standards, awareness of Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases, responses to terrorist acts, and cultural diversity and sensitivity.

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) may license a person as an emergency medical technician or certify a person as a first responder if the person satisfactorily completes a course of instruction and training or otherwise demonstrates that he or she is sufficiently trained and educated in emergency care. Current law requires specialized training in responses to terrorist acts and allows DHS to set additional qualification requirements and to promulgate rules for specialized training.

This bill requires the training program for law enforcement officers and tribal officers and the course of instruction and training for emergency medical technicians and first responders to include specialized training in recognizing and interacting with persons who have suffered a traumatic brain injury.

