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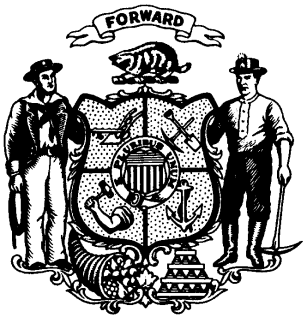

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT 41

AN ACT ***to renumber and amend*** 48.981 (4); and ***to create*** 48.981 (4) (a) 5. of the statutes; **relating to:** immunity from liability resulting from good faith actions under the child abuse and neglect reporting law.

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

SECTION 1. 48.981 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 48.981 (4) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

48.981 **(4)** (a) (intro.) Any person or institution ~~participating~~ doing any of the following in good faith in connection with a report under this section has immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that results by reason of the action:

1. Participating in the making of a report~~, conducting~~.
2. Conducting an investigation~~, ordering~~.
3. Ordering or taking ~~of~~ photographs ~~or ordering or~~.
4. Ordering, performing, or assisting with medical examinations of a child or of an expectant mother ~~under this section shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that results by reason of the action~~.

(b) For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any person reporting under this section shall be presumed. The immunity provided under this subsection does not apply to liability for abusing or neglecting a child or for abusing an unborn child.

SECTION 2. 48.981 (4) (a) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

48.981 **(4)** (a) 5. Otherwise providing information, assistance, or consultation in connection with a report, investigation, or legal intervention.

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* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."