

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 478

August 5, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Agard, Carpenter, Larson and Roys, cosponsored by Representatives Bowen, Hong, Anderson, Baldeh, Billings, Brostoff, Cabrera, Conley, Emerson, Hebl, Moore Omokunde, Neubauer, Shelton, Sinicki and Spreitzer. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

- 1 AN ACT to renumber 175.47 (1) (a); to renumber and amend 175.47 (3) (a); and
- 2 **to create** 175.47 (1) (aL) and 175.47 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:**
- 3 investigations of officer-involved deaths.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires at least two investigators to investigate a death that involves a law enforcement officer. Under current law, neither investigator may be employed by a law enforcement agency that employs an officer involved in the death. This bill modifies that limitation and adds another limitation so that neither investigator may be an individual who was employed or whose immediate family member was employed within the previous 10 years by a law enforcement agency that employs an officer involved in the death.

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

- **SECTION 1.** 175.47 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 175.47 (1) (ar).
- **Section 2.** 175.47 (1) (aL) of the statutes is created to read:

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officer-involved death.

	175.47 (1) (aL) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, grandparent,
pa	arent, sibling, child, stepchild, or grandchild or the spouse of a grandparent, parent,
sik	bling, child, stepchild, or grandchild.
	SECTION 3. 175.47 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 175.47 (3) (a) (intro.)
an	nd amended to read:
	175.47 (3) (a) (intro.) Each policy under sub. (2) must require an investigation
co	enducted by at least 2 investigators, one of whom is the lead investigator and
ne	either of whom is employed. Neither investigator required under this paragraph
m	ay be any of the following:
	1. Employed, either currently or within the immediately preceding 10 years,
by	a law enforcement agency that employs a law enforcement officer involved in the
off	ficer-involved death.
	SECTION 4. 175.47 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:
	175.47 (3) (a) 2. An immediate family member of a person who is currently
en	nployed or was employed within the immediately preceding 10 years by a law
en	nforcement agency that employs a law enforcement officer involved in the

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