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STUDY ASSIGNMENT: The committee is directed to study current law relating to adoption and termination of parental rights (TPR) to determine whether modifications could be made to encourage adoptions in Wisconsin and to make the adoption and TPR processes more efficient and more cost effective. The committee shall consider creating a state tax credit for adoption expenses. The committee shall also study TPR and adoption in the context of the child welfare system to ensure compliance with federal law and that permanency is achieved for children as quickly as possible.

12 MEMBERS: 2 Senators, 3 Representatives, and 7 Public Members.

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