AN ACT ***to create*** 48.981 (2) (a) 30. and 31. of the statutes; **relating to:** making probation and parole agents mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Reporting of Child Abuse and Child Neglect.

Current law requires certain professionals to report suspected abuse and neglect of children and unborn children. A person who is mandated to report must do so if he or she has reasonable cause to suspect that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been abused or neglected or has reason to believe that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect of the child will occur. Mandated reporters are subject to criminal penalties if they fail to report.

The bill draft adds probation agents and parole agents to the list of professionals who are mandated to report suspected abuse or neglect.

SECTION 1. 48.981 (2) (a) 30. and 31. of the statutes are created to read:

48.981 **(2)** (a) 30. A probation agent.

31. A parole agent.

(END)