



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 641

November 8, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives DITTRICH, O'CONNOR, MAGNAFICI, MICHALSKI, GUNDRUM, PENTERMAN, ALLEN, GOEBEN, WICHGERS and ROZAR, cosponsored by Senators QUINN, NASS and TOMCZYK. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 43.30 (4); and *to create* 43.30 (4) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** parental notification related to public library materials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires public libraries to develop and implement a policy under which the custodial parent or guardian of a child who is under the age of 16 is notified of each document or material the child checks out from a public library as soon as is practicable, but no later than 24 hours after the checkout. The bill requires the library to post notice of the library's notification policy in a prominent place in the library and on the library's website, if any. Under current law, subject to various exceptions, library records that identify who borrows or uses a library material may not be disclosed. One of the exceptions is for custodial parents or guardians of children who are under the age of 16. Specifically, current law requires that a library supported by public funds disclose to the custodial parent or guardian of a child who is under the age of 16 all library records relating to the use of the library's documents or other materials, resources, or services by the child, but only upon request of the custodial parent or guardian.

For further information see the local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

