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Rep. Loudenbeck Shelter Care Bill Passes Assembly

Assembly Bill 674 Provides a Needed Resource for Families in Crisis

Madison, WI...On February 13, 2014, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed on a voice vote Assembly Bill 674, authored by Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton), which allows a child to be placed in a shelter care facility with oversight by the Department of Children and Families under a voluntary agreement for up to 20 days.

“Sometimes situations arise when children may need to be taken out of their current living situation for a range of reasons not connected to a pending court action. A parent may need to serve a short term jail sentence and need a safe place for the child to stay. An unaccompanied youth may be experiencing conflicts at home and need shelter until conflicts can be resolved and the youth can safely return home. Assembly Bill 674 provides an important resource for families in crisis as they transition into a more stable living situation,” said Rep. Loudenbeck.

There are 14 shelter care facilities operating in the state of Wisconsin. Shelters are available 24 hours a day to serve children and families in a safe and secure environment. A list of shelters in the state is available here: <http://www.dcf.wisconsin.gov/childrenresidential/directories/pubdir-cw/sc.pdf>

Additional information about Assembly Bill 674 is available at:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/proposals/ab674>

Senator Paul Farrow (R-Pewaukee) is the author of the bill in the Senate.

Representative Loudenbeck represents the 31st Assembly District which includes communities in Eastern Rock and Western Walworth Counties.

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