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Rep. Kerkman's "Caylee's Law" Legislation Receives Public Hearing

Madison – Today, the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections held a public hearing on AB 397, also known as Caylee's Law. Rep. Samantha Kerkman (R-Randall), the primary Assembly author of the bill, testified before the committee about the proposed legislation.

"Today's public hearing provided a meaningful discussion about the details of Caylee's Law," said Rep. Kerkman. "I'm open to new ideas from all stakeholders as we move forward with this important legislation."

Rep. Kerkman introduced the bill in response to hundreds of emails this past summer asking for the creation of a Caylee's Law in Wisconsin following the national media coverage of the Casey Anthony trial. Rep. Kerkman worked with a group of bipartisan legislators across the state to draft a bill that would provide penalties for failing to report the death or disappearance of a child.

Although Wisconsin law does require reporting certain deaths, failure to do so is not a felony. Wisconsin law does not currently penalize the failure to report a disappearance within a particular timeframe.

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