

**Resolution No. 5-1115**

**SUPPORTING 2015 SENATE BILL 204 (2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 284) RELATING  
TO CAUSING OR THREATENING BODILY HARM TO CERTAIN CHILD WELFARE  
AND JUVENILE JUSTICE WORKERS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY**

**WHEREAS**, under current law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm to another without the other person's consent commits the crime of ordinary battery, the penalties for which increase depending on the severity of the Injury the person causes his or her victim. A person convicted of ordinary battery is subject to fines and periods of imprisonment. Current law provides more severe penalties for battery committed under certain circumstances against certain government officials, employees and agents; and

**WHEREAS**, among those covered under these "special circumstances battery provisions" are law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and probation, parole, and aftercare agents. A person convicted of intentionally causing bodily harm to these employees is guilty of a Class H felony and may be fined not more than \$10,000 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six years, or both; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed legislation extends the special circumstances battery provisions to a person who is employed by or under contract with, a court, a county department of human or social services, a tribal child welfare agency, or the department of children and families to provide intake, dispositional, or other services relating to child welfare or juvenile justice workers,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Health & Human Services Committee and the Justice Committee recommend adoption of the above resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors does support proposed Legislation extending the special circumstances battery provisions to a person who is employed by, or under contract with, a court, a county department of human or social services, a tribal child welfare agency, or the department of children and families, to provide intake, dispositional or other services relating to child welfare or juvenile justice workers; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Iowa County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Iowa County's Senate and Assembly Representatives and Governor Scott Walker.

Respectfully submitted by the Health and Human Services and Justice Committees.