

Issue	Summary	Bill	Author	Position	Status
Statute of Limitations with DNA evidence	Extend/eliminate statute of limitations in sexual assault cases where DNA evidence is available.	Last session: AB 497	Reps Walker/Wasserman	Support	Compromise language close to passing
Statute of Limitations for civil action CSA	Extends statute of limitations from 2 to 5 years for civil action for the recovery of damages for sexual assault to a child	Last session: SB 304	Sen. Burke	Support	Failed to pass either house
Rape exam fees	Ensure that rape victims are not billed for rape exams	None	None	Support	
DV in presence of a child	Creates a separate crime	Last session: SB 219	Sen. Burke ('99)	Oppose	Failed to be passed either house
Covenant Marriage	Establishes covenant marriage option that subjects the couple (if they have children) to stricter limitations for establishing grounds for divorce and requires counseling before a divorce is granted.	Last Session: AB 83	Rep. Owens	Oppose	Failed to pass either house
Restraining order fees	Eliminate fees for all child abuse, vulnerable adult and foreign protection orders. States funded by VAWA are prohibited from charging fees for protection orders.	Last session: 671	Rep. Berceau	Support	Became law but mistakenly narrowed which child abuse/vulnerable adult issues. Did not include foreign orders.

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Add dating relationship to Restraining orders	VAWA (federal) includes a definition of dating violence and requires states to offer domestic abuse orders to victims of dating violence. Currently, a victim who dates but has not ever married, lived with or had a child with the abuser can only get a Harassment restraining order which provides more narrowly drawn protections.	"Model Code" language drafted but not introduced	None	Support	Not introduced
Service of Restraining Orders	Amend notice by publication to allow for "notice of hearing" or "summary" rather than publication of the entire petition. Define "constructive" knowledge of injunction when temporary order is properly served and respondent fails to appear for hearing.	Not introduced	None	Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation	Not introduced
Clarify Ch. 813 Restraining Orders are separate and distinct	Clarify that other orders that require the abuser not to have contact with the victim do not preclude the victim from being eligible for a civil protective order.	Not introduced	None	Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation	Not introduced

<p>The filing of foreign protection orders.</p>	<p>Clarify what "authenticated" means for filing foreign protection orders. In 806.247(3)(a) does it mean "certified" or merely verified to be authentic.</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>
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Address privacy on restraining orders.	Allow for privacy of petitioner's address when seeking restraining orders.	Not introduced	None	Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation	Not introduced
Burden of proof for restraining orders	Clarify the burden of proof required to issue both temporary restraining orders and final injunctions.	Not introduced	None	Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation	Not introduced
Increase time for restraining orders. * <i>WCADV's proposed agenda only includes increasing injunctions, not TROs.</i>	Temporary restraining orders (TROs) for domestic abuse are currently available for 7 days, with one extension for 14 days. Propose an increase in length of TROs. Final injunctions are currently available for a maximum of 2 years. Propose an increase in length of injunction to 3 or 4 years.	Not introduced	None	Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation	Not introduced

<p>The subject of a restraining order retrieving personal property.</p> <p><i>* WCADV did not include this on their proposed agenda, but it is a potential problem in Milw</i></p>	<p>Broadly interpreted, the language in TROs and final injunctions may prohibit law enforcement from accompanying the abuser or victim to retrieve personal property. Change language in statute to allow accompaniment by law enforcement.</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>
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<p>Stalking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clarify "reasonable person" standard. ➤ Include phone calls, phone monitoring, letters, faxes, and e-mails in definition of stalking. ➤ Revisit penalties. 	<p>Not introduced</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>
<p>Mandatory arrest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Addition of "dating relationship." States receiving VAWA funding are required to consider dating relationship as DV. ➤ Clarify primary physical aggressor. ➤ Limit dual arrests. 	<p>Not introduced</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>
<p>Adding broken nose to substantial bodily harm definition</p>	<p>939.22(38) currently includes a laceration that require stitches, fracture of bone, burn, loss of consciousness, sight or hearing, and loss or fractures of tooth. The proposed change would add a broken nose to the definition of substantial bodily harm.</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Support concept, but await specific proposed legislation</p>	<p>Not introduced</p>

Budget	Issues to watch:	Budget passed every	Watch and Report
7/2001 through 6/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use of TANF surplus. ➤ Proposed supplantation of TANF \$ for GPR \$ for state funding of domestic abuse programs. ➤ WCADV's proposal to increase GPR funding to programs by 10%. 	two years.	

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FEDERAL					
TANF	Reauthorization and allocation of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.			Watch and Report	
VAWA	VAWA II was reauthorized through 2005 per the new federal budget process. Distribution to states pending. Other legislation (Millenium VAWA?) may be drafted.			Watch and Report	VAWA II re-authorized Oct 11, 2000

PUBLIC POLICY AREAS (<i>Watch and Report</i>)	Potential Supporters
Family Violence Option for W-2	Sen. Gwen Moore WCADV WCCF
Policy regarding release of offenders from custody in the Milwaukee County Jail or the House of Correction	
Legislation regarding sentencing of perpetrators of DV/SA.	
Mental Health/Health Care	
Prevention/Early intervention	CAP Network
Legislation and/or funding to support Visitation Centers	
Child Custody and Child Support	Family Law section of State Bar WCCF Sen. Gary George
Safe/Affordable Housing	Emergency Shelter Task Force Public Housing Authority
Legislation and/or funding to support a faith based approach to service delivery to victims of DV/SA.	

