

State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-6276/1 EAW:amn&cdc

2019 BILL

1	AN ACT to renumber and amend 66.0511 (1); to amend 66.0511 (2); and to
2	create 66.0511 (1) (a) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting use of choke
3	holds by law enforcement officers in use of force policies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires law enforcement agencies to develop policies on the use of force by law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. This bill requires these policies to prohibit the use of choke holds by law enforcement officers.

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:

SECTION 1. 66.0511 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0511 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

66.0511 (1) DEFINITION DEFINITIONS. (intro.) In this section, "law:

(b) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given under s. 165.83 (1) (b).

SECTION 2. 66.0511 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

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66.	.0511 (1) (a)	"Choke hold	" means the	intentional	and prolong	ged applica	tion
of force	to the throat	or windpipe	that preven	ts or hinder	rs breathing	or reduces	the
intake o	of air.						

Section 3. 66.0511 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0511 (2) Use of force policy. Each person in charge of a law enforcement agency shall prepare in writing and make available for public scrutiny a policy or standard regulating the use of force by law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. A policy or standard under this subsection shall ban the use of choke holds by law enforcement officers.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

(1) Prohibitions on Choke holds. The renumbering and amendment of s. 66.0511 (1), the amendment of s. 66.0511 (2), and the creation of s. 66.0511 (1) (a) take effect on the 30th day after publication.

14 (END)