2019 BILL

AN ACT to renumber 968.14; to amend 968.14 (title); and to create 968.14 (1)
of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting no-knock search warrants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a law enforcement officer executing a search warrant must
knock and announce before entering unless, at the time the warrant is executed, the
law enforcement officer has a reasonable suspicion that knocking and announcing
will be dangerous or futile or will inhibit the effective investigation of the crime. This
bill requires that a law enforcement officer executing a search warrant must, before
entering the premises, identify himself or herself as a law enforcement officer and
announce the authority and purpose of the entry.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do
enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 968.14 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

968.14 (title) Use Announcement requirement and use of force.

SECTION 2. 968.14 of the statutes is renumbered 968.14 (2).

SECTION 3. 968.14 (1) of the statutes is created to read:
968.14 (1) When executing a search warrant, a law enforcement officer may not enter the premises subject to the warrant without first identifying that he or she is a law enforcement officer and announcing the authority and purpose of the entry.