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ASSEMBLY BILL 1

January 26, 2018 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION, Representatives VOS, KRUG, FELZKOWSKI, THIESFELDT, SANFELIPPO, TUSLER, PETERSEN, DUCHOW, PETRYK, KUGLITSCH, TITTL, HORLACHER, KNODL, BRANDTJEN, MURPHY, SPIROS, WICHGERS, NEYLON, BERNIER, KLEEFISCH, ROHRKASTE, KATSMA, BORN, KREMER and SWEARINGEN, cosponsored by Senators KAPENGA, CRAIG, DARLING, LeMAHIEU, MARKLEIN, NASS, STROEBEL, VUKMIR and WANGGAARD, by request of Governor Scott Walker. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 49.79 (9) (a) 1m. of the statutes; **relating to:** required hours
2 of participation in the FoodShare employment and training program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to set required hours of participation in the FoodShare employment and training program, known as FSET, to coincide with the maximum allowed by the federal government. FoodShare is also known as the food stamp program and the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and is administered by DHS. An able-bodied adult is 18 years of age or older but younger than 50 years of age, not pregnant, not exempt from a work requirement under federal regulations, and not determined to be medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment. Currently, able-bodied adults without dependents are required to comply with certain work requirements as a condition of FoodShare eligibility, though the FSET program is voluntary. The biennial budget act, 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, specified that DHS may require able-bodied adults to participate in FSET and allowed DHS to require a subset of, instead of all, able individuals who are 18 to 60 years of age and who are not Wisconsin Works participants to participate in FSET, to the extent allowed by the federal government. Able-bodied adults who are caretakers of a child under the age of six and able-bodied adults who are at least half-time students are exempt from FSET requirements.

The bill requires DHS to set any required hours of participation in FSET for able-bodied adults without dependents at the maximum hours allowed by the federal government if able-bodied adults without dependents are required to

