



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Rice, BB0331 - W-2 Internet assistance program

FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WISCONSIN WORKS

1. Internet service provider subscriptions

This bill allows a person who meets the eligibility requirements for Wisconsin Works (W-2) to apply for and receive from DCF a monthly amount sufficient to pay the cost of an Internet service provider subscription or \$57, whichever is lower.

For further information see the *state and 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. 49.148 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

49.148 (2) INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER SUBSCRIPTIONS. A person who meets the eligibility requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) may apply to the department for a monthly amount sufficient to pay the cost of an Internet service provider

subscription or \$57, whichever is lower. An application submitted under this subsection shall include documentation of the Internet service provider and the monthly cost of the subscription. If the department determines that an applicant is eligible, the department shall coordinate with a Wisconsin Works agency to make payments on behalf of the person to the appropriate Internet service provider. The department may promulgate rules to administer this subsection.

SECTION 9106. Nonstatutory provisions; Children and Families.

(1) WISCONSIN WORKS; INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER SUBSCRIPTIONS. Using the procedure under s. 227.24, the department of children and families may promulgate the rules authorized under s. 49.148 (2) as emergency rules. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department of children and families is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

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