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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 754**

November 17, 2005 - Offered by Representative TOWNS.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 49.148 (1m) (b); *to amend* 49.148 (1m) (a);
2 and *to create* 49.148 (1m) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring a
3 Wisconsin Works grant recipient who is a custodial parent with an infant to
4 attend parenting skills training and to meet with a financial and employment
5 planner.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who meets the eligibility requirements for the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program and who is the custodial parent of a child who is 12 weeks old or less may receive monthly grants of \$673 and may not be required to work in a W-2 employment position during that time. This substitute amendment adds two requirements for persons who are receiving those grants.

During the first month in which the person receives a grant, or during the second month under certain circumstances, he or she must participate in parenting skills training provided or arranged by the W-2 agency. If the person does not participate in the training, the remainder of the monthly grants that he or she is eligible for will be canceled and he or she will not be eligible for any of these monthly grants in the future. Under the second new requirement, the person must meet with a financial and employment planner at any time during the last four weeks in which he or she is eligible to receive the monthly grants. The financial and employment

planner may provide information about such issues as available child care services, the food stamp program, and employment planning. If the person does not satisfy this requirement, he or she will not be eligible for any of these monthly grants in the future.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 49.148 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 49.148 **(1m)** (a) ~~A~~ Subject to par. (bm), an individual who meets the eligibility
3 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) and who is a custodial parent of a child who
4 is 12 weeks old or less and who meets the eligibility requirements under s. 49.145 (2)
5 and (3) may receive a monthly grant of \$673 unless another adult member of the
6 custodial parent's Wisconsin works Works group is participating in, or is eligible to
7 participate in, a Wisconsin works Works employment position or is employed in
8 unsubsidized employment, as defined in s. 49.147 (1) (c). A Wisconsin works Works
9 agency may not require a participant under this subsection to participate in any
10 employment positions.

11 (c) 1. Receipt of a grant under this subsection does not constitute participation
12 in a Wisconsin works Works employment position for purposes of the time limits
13 under s. 49.145 (2) (n) or 49.147 (3) (c), (4) (b), or (5) (b) 2. if the child is born to the
14 participant not more than 10 months after the date that the participant was first
15 determined to be eligible for assistance under s. 49.19 or for a Wisconsin works Works
16 employment position.

17 **SECTION 2.** 49.148 (1m) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 49.148 (1m) (c) 2. and
18 amended to read:

1 49.148 (1m) (c) 2. Receipt of a grant under this subsection constitutes
2 participation in a Wisconsin ~~works~~ Works employment position for purposes of the
3 time limits under ss. 49.145 (2) (n) and 49.147 (3) (c), (4) (b), or (5) (b) 2. if the child
4 is born to the participant more than 10 months after the date that the participant
5 was first determined to be eligible for assistance under s. 49.19 or for a Wisconsin
6 ~~works~~ Works employment position unless the child was conceived as a result of a
7 sexual assault in violation of s. 940.225 (1), (2), or (3) in which the mother did not
8 indicate a freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse or of incest in violation
9 of s. 944.06 or 948.06 and that incest or sexual assault has been reported to a
10 physician and to law enforcement authorities.

11 **SECTION 3.** 49.148 (1m) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

12 49.148 (1m) (bm) 1. In this paragraph, “eligibility period” means a discrete
13 time period during which an individual is eligible to receive a monthly grant under
14 this subsection with respect to one or more children who are under the age of 12
15 weeks.

16 2. An individual who receives a grant under this subsection shall do all of the
17 following:

18 a. During the first month in which he or she receives a grant during any
19 eligibility period that begins on or after the effective date of this subd. 2. a. [revisor
20 inserts date], participate in parenting skills training provided or arranged by the
21 Wisconsin Works agency. The Wisconsin Works agency may allow the individual to
22 participate in a parenting skills training program during the 2nd month in which he
23 or she receives a grant if the Wisconsin Works agency determines that, due to
24 extenuating circumstances, it would be impossible or extremely difficult for the
25 individual to participate during the first month in which he or she receives a grant.

1 An individual who does not satisfy the requirement under this subd. 2. a. shall have
2 his or her grant canceled and shall not be eligible for another grant at any time under
3 this subsection.

4 b. At any time during the last 4 weeks in which he or she is eligible to receive
5 a grant during any eligibility period that is in effect on the effective date of this subd.
6 2. b. [revisor inserts date], or that begins on or after the effective date of this subd.
7 2. b. [revisor inserts date], meet with a financial and employment planner. The
8 financial and employment planner may provide the individual with information
9 regarding available child care services, employment and financial planning, family
10 planning services, as defined in s. 253.07 (1) (b), community resources, the food
11 stamp program, and other food and nutrition programs. The Wisconsin Works
12 agency shall arrange or assist the individual in arranging the meeting. An
13 individual who does not satisfy the requirement under this subd. 2. b. shall not be
14 eligible for another grant at any time under this subsection.

15 (END)