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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 109**

February 18, 2016 - Offered by Representatives SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and SPREITZER.

1 **Relating to:** creating a joint committee to weigh the pros and cons of a potential
2 solution to public assistance structure issues.

3 Whereas, programs administered by the department of health services or the
4 department of children and families under which the department of health services
5 or the department of children and families provides services, benefits, or other
6 assistance to individuals or families have eligibility parameters that may currently
7 create a disincentive for participants to accept certain wage increases or job
8 promotions due to the potential loss of benefits without sufficient income to replace
9 these benefits; and

10 Whereas, there exists under the current structure of public benefits a “fiscal
11 cliff” in which, for example, an employee might turn down a job promotion with a
12 small hourly pay increase because the small pay increase might cause the employee’s
13 income to be outside the income eligibility thresholds such that the employee could

