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## **1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 259**

April 9, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives MURAT, NOTESTEIN, ALBERS, BALDWIN, BLACK, BOCK, CARPENTER, GRONEMUS, GROTHMAN, HANSON, HASENOHRL, MEYER, PLOUFF, REYNOLDS, ROBSON, RYBA, SPRINGER, SYKORA, TURNER, WASSERMAN, R. YOUNG and L. YOUNG, cosponsored by Senators PLACHE, BUETTNER and WINEKE. Referred to Committee on Wisconsin Works Oversight.

1 AN ACT *to create* 49.148 (1t) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants under Wisconsin 2 works for terminally ill custodial parents and custodial parents of terminally 3 ill children.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, under the Wisconsin works program (this state's replacement program for aid to families with dependent children), an individual who participates in a Wisconsin works employment position receives a wage or grant for that position. Currently, there are 3 categories of employment positions under Wisconsin works:

1. Trial jobs, under which the participant is paid an hourly wage for each hour actually worked.

2. Community service jobs, under which the participant is paid a monthly grant of \$555, less \$4.25 for every hour that the participant fails to participate in a required activity without good cause.

3. Transitional placements, under which the participant is paid a monthly grant of \$518, less \$4.25 for every hour that the participant fails to participate in a required activity without good cause.

Current law provides that an eligible custodial parent of an infant that is 12 weeks old or less may receive a monthly grant of \$555 without having to participate in a Wisconsin works employment position.

Under this bill, a custodial parent who has a terminal illness, or who has a dependent child with a terminal illness, and who meets the other eligibility

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requirements may also receive a monthly grant of \$555 without having to participate in a Wisconsin works employment position. Under the bill, a "terminal illness" is defined as a medical prognosis that an individual's life expectancy is less than 12 months.

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 (1t) of the statutes is created to read:
- 2 49.148 (1t) TERMINALLY ILL CUSTODIAL PARENT OR CHILD. (a) In this subsection,
- 3 "terminal illness" has the meaning given in s. 50.90 (5).
- 4 (b) A custodial parent who has a terminal illness, or who has a dependent child
- 5 with a terminal illness, and who meets the eligibility requirements of s. 49.145 (2)
- 6 and (3) may receive a monthly grant of \$555. A Wisconsin works agency may not
- 7 require a participant under this paragraph to participate in any employment
- 8 positions. Receipt of a grant under this paragraph does not constitute participation
- 9 in a Wisconsin works employment position for purposes of the time limits under s.

10 49.145 (2) (n) or 49.147 (3) (c), (4) (b) or (5) (b) 2.

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