2007 SENATE BILL 183

May 14, 2007 - Introduced by Senators Darling, Roessler, Cowles, A. Lasee, Olsen and Schultz, cosponsored by Representatives Strachota and Albers. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Insurance.

AN ACT to renumber 49.665 (6); to amend 49.665 (6) (title); and to create
49.665 (6) (b) of the statutes; relating to: percentages of group health
insurance plan costs paid by employers of Badger Care health care program
recipients and requiring a report.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a family may be eligible for coverage under the Badger Care health care program (BadgerCare) if, among other things, the family has access to coverage under a group health insurance plan offered by an employer for which the employer pays less than 80 percent of the cost, excluding any required deductibles or copayments.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), which administers BadgerCare, annually to determine, for BadgerCare recipients who have access to coverage under group health insurance plans offered by employers, the actual percentages of the insurance plan costs that are paid by the employers. DHFS must report its findings annually in a report to the Joint Committee on Finance and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.

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For further information see the *state* 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:

 $\mathbf{2}$ 49.665 (6) (title) Annual Report Reports. **Section 2.** 49.665 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 49.665 (6) (a). 3 4 **Section 3.** 49.665 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read: 5 49.665 (6) (b) Beginning in 2008, the department shall annually determine, for 6 any Badger Care health care program recipients who have access to coverage under 7 group health insurance plans for which the recipients' employers pay less than 80 8 percent of the costs, excluding any deductibles or copayments that may be required 9 under the plan, the actual percentages of the insurance plan costs paid. The

department shall annually submit a report of its findings to the joint committee on

finance and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172

SECTION 1. 49.665 (6) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 (END)