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2013 SENATE BILL 551

- February 3, 2014 Introduced by Senators DARLING, LAZICH, GROTHMAN, L. TAYLOR and HARRIS, cosponsored by Representatives RODRIGUEZ, STRACHOTA, SANFELIPPO, KRUG, BALLWEG and JOHNSON. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.
- AN ACT to repeal 15.207 (24) (a) 7., 15.207 (24) (d) and 49.143 (2) (b); to amend 15.207 (24) (c); and to create 15.207 (24) (a) 8. and 15.207 (24) (a) 9. of the statutes; relating to: the requirement that a Wisconsin works agency establish a children's services network and the membership of the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) may award a contract to any person to administer Wisconsin Works (W–2) in a geographical area set by DCF. The contract must require a W–2 agency to, among other things, establish a children's services network that provides information about community resources available to dependent children in a W–2 group. Current law also requires that, in a county with a population of 500,000 or more, a children's services network provide a forum for people to communicate with and make recommendations to the providers of children's services in that area with respect to the delivery of those services in that area. This bill eliminates the requirement that a W–2 agency establish a children's services network.

Current law establishes a Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council (council) and requires that two of its members be nominated by a children's services network established in Milwaukee County and be residents of the W-2 geographical area that is served by the children's services network. If DCF establishes more than one W-2 geographical area in Milwaukee County, current law also sets a procedure

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for those children's services networks to nominate residents of different geographical areas to the council in a rotating order of succession. This bill eliminates the requirement that children's services networks nominate any members of the council and the related nomination procedures. The bill requires instead that one member of the council be the Milwaukee County district attorney, and that another member be the presiding judge of the children's division of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1	SECTION 1. 15.207 (24) (a) 7. of the statutes is repealed.
2	SECTION 2. 15.207 (24) (a) 8. of the statutes is created to read:
3	15.207 (24) (a) 8. The Milwaukee County district attorney or his or her
4	designee.
5	SECTION 3. 15.207 (24) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:
6	15.207 (24) (a) 9. The presiding judge of the children's division of the
7	Milwaukee County circuit court.
8	SECTION 4. 15.207 (24) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	15.207 (24) (c) The members of the council appointed under par. (a) $1., and 6$.
LO	and 7. shall be appointed for 3-year terms.
11	SECTION 5. 15.207 (24) (d) of the statutes is repealed.
12	SECTION 6. 49.143 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
13	(END)