



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 845

March 12, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives HONADEL, GUNDRUM, GOTTLIEB, KLEEFISCH, NYGREN, PRIDEMORE, TOWNSEND and VOS, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, PLALE and HOPPER. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 49.155 (6m) (a); and **to create** 49.155 (6p) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** a biometric fingerprint identification system for enrollment and
3 monitoring child care attendance under Wisconsin Shares.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law, which is administered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. Also, an individual who is the parent of a child under the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, under the age of 19, may receive a child care subsidy under W-2 if the individual needs child care services to participate in various educational or work activities and satisfies other eligibility criteria. The child care subsidy program under W-2 is known as Wisconsin Shares.

Under current law, child care providers who receive a subsidy for providing child care to children under Wisconsin Shares are required to maintain a written record of the daily hours of attendance, including arrival and departure times, for each child for whom the provider provides care. This record must be retained for each child for at least three years after the child's last day of attendance. Under this bill, DCF is required to implement, by January 1, 2011, a biometric fingerprint identification system for initially enrolling and then registering the arrival and departure each day of each child receiving child care under Wisconsin Shares and for conducting random attendance inspections at other times. DCF must supply the necessary software, and each child care provider who provides child care under

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Wisconsin Shares must purchase and install the hardware necessary for use of the system. After the system is implemented, child care providers would no longer be required to make a written record of a child's daily hours of attendance.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 49.155 (6m) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act
2 28, is amended to read:

3 49.155 **(6m)** (a) ~~Maintain~~ Subject to sub. (6p) (c), maintain a written record of
4 the daily hours of attendance of each child for whom the provider is providing care
5 under this section, including the actual arrival and departure times for each child.

6 **SECTION 2.** 49.155 (6p) of the statutes is created to read:

7 49.155 **(6p)** BIOMETRIC FINGERPRINT ID SYSTEM. (a) The department shall, by
8 January 1, 2011, implement a biometric fingerprint identification system for
9 enrolling and monitoring attendance of children for whom care is provided under this
10 section. The department shall require each child care provider that provides child
11 care under this section to use the biometric fingerprint identification system to
12 initially enroll each child for whom the child care provider provides care under this
13 section and then to register the arrival and departure each day of each such child for
14 whom the child care provider provides care that day. In addition to enrolling children
15 and monitoring their daily arrivals and departures, the department shall use the
16 biometric fingerprint system to conduct random inspections of children's attendance
17 at times other than arrival or departure.

