



2009 SENATE BILL 644

March 25, 2010 – Introduced by Senators DARLING, COGGS and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives GRIGSBY, PASCH, STONE and STRACHOTA. Referred to Committee on Children and Families and Workforce Development.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 48.562 (1); *to amend* 48.562 (2), 48.562 (3)
2 and 48.562 (4); and *to create* 48.562 (1g) and 48.562 (4m) of the statutes;
3 **relating to:** the duties of the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, there is created a Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council (council) that is attached to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The council is required to do all of the following:

1. Formulate suggested policies and plans for the improvement of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those policies and plans to DCF and the legislature.
2. Formulate suggested measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County, including outcome measures, and make recommendations with respect to those measures to DCF and the legislature.
3. Formulate suggested funding priorities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those funding priorities to DCF and the legislature.
4. Identify innovative public and private funding opportunities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those funding opportunities to DCF and the legislature.

This bill requires the council to submit an annual report of those recommendations to DCF, which within 60 days after receiving the report must prepare a response to those recommendations and transmit the report, together with

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its response, to the governor and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature. The bill also requires the council to hold at least one public hearing each year at which the council must encourage public participation and solicit public input regarding the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 48.562 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 48.562 (1m) and amended
2 to read:

3 48.562 **(1m)** ~~Formulate suggested~~ Recommend policies and plans for the
4 improvement of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and ~~make~~ submit its
5 recommendations with respect to those policies and plans to the department and the
6 legislature under sub. (4m).

7 **SECTION 2.** 48.562 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

8 48.562 **(1g)** Hold at least one public hearing each year at which the council
9 shall encourage public participation and solicit public input regarding the child
10 welfare system in Milwaukee County.

11 **SECTION 3.** 48.562 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 48.562 **(2)** ~~Formulate suggested~~ Recommend measures for evaluating the
13 effectiveness of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County, including outcome
14 measures, and ~~make~~ submit its recommendations with respect to those measures to
15 the department and the legislature under sub. (4m).

16 **SECTION 4.** 48.562 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 48.562 **(3)** ~~Formulate suggested~~ Recommend funding priorities for the child
18 welfare system in Milwaukee County and ~~make~~ submit its recommendations with
19 respect to those funding priorities to the department and the legislature under sub.
20 (4m).

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1 **SECTION 5.** 48.562 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 48.562 (4) Identify innovative public and private funding opportunities for the
3 child welfare system in Milwaukee County and ~~make~~ submit its recommendations
4 with respect to those funding opportunities to the department ~~and the legislature~~
5 under sub. (4m).

6 **SECTION 6.** 48.562 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

7 48.562 (4m) Annually, submit a report of its recommendations under subs.
8 (1m) to (4) to the department, which within 60 days after receiving the report shall
9 prepare a response to those recommendations and transmit the report, together with
10 its response, to the governor and to the appropriate standing committees of the
11 legislature under s. 13.172 (3).

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