



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.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 15.207 (24) (a) 7., 15.207 (24) (d) and 49.143 (2) (b); **to amend**
2 15.207 (24) (c); and **to create** 15.207 (24) (a) 8. and 15.207 (24) (a) 9. of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** the requirement that a Wisconsin works agency establish
4 a children’s services network and the membership of the Milwaukee Child
5 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

