



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-5516/1
TJD:cdc/klm/ahe

2017 SENATE BILL 870

March 14, 2018 - Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, L. TAYLOR and SCHACHTNER, cosponsored by Representatives SUBECK, BILLINGS, ANDERSON, C. TAYLOR, SARGENT, SPREITZER, HEBL, NEUBAUER, ZAMARRIPA and BROSTOFF. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

1 **AN ACT to create** 49.82 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** public assistance advisory
2 committee.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Administration to create an advisory committee to review proposed legislation and proposed requests for approval from the federal government of changes to public assistance programs and to review performance data outcomes and costs of changes to public assistance programs after federal approval of changes to those programs. The bill specifies participants DHS must appoint to the advisory committee. The bill also requires that a state agency that administers a public assistance program to hold a public comment period before developing language for a proposal to waive federal law and to conduct no fewer than three public hearings on the proposed waiver before submitting to the federal government. The agency may not submit the request on the proposed waiver without prior approval of the proposed waiver request by the Joint Committee on Finance.

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:

SENATE BILL 870**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 49.82 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

2 49.82 **(3)** PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The department of health
3 services, in consultation with the department of children and families and the
4 department of administration, shall create an advisory committee to review
5 proposed legislation and proposed requests for approval from the federal
6 government of changes to public assistance programs and to review performance
7 data, outcomes, and costs of changes to public assistance programs after federal
8 approval of changes to those programs.

9 (b) The department of health services shall appoint to the advisory committee
10 under par. (a) participants in public assistance programs; representatives of
11 advocacy groups, including groups that support the rights of individuals with
12 physical and invisible disabilities; providers of services under public assistance
13 programs; representatives of the state agencies that administer public assistance
14 programs; members of the legislature, suggested by the majority and minority
15 leaders of both houses of the legislature; and policy experts from organizations such
16 as the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute and Institute for
17 Research on Policy.

18 (c) A state agency that administers a public assistance program that is the
19 subject of a proposed waiver request to be submitted to the federal government shall,
20 in collaboration with the advisory committee under par. (a), do all of the following:

21 1. Hold a public comment period lasting at least 30 days before the development
22 of the waiver proposal language.

23 2. Conduct no fewer than 3 public hearings on the proposed waiver before the
24 waiver is submitted to the federal government.

