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## 2023 SENATE BILL 557

October 23, 2023 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, L. JOHNSON, HESSELBEIN, LARSON, ROYS, SPREITZER, TAYLOR and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SUBECK, SHELTON, C. ANDERSON, BARE, BILLINGS, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, EMERSON, GOYKE, HONG, JOERS, MOORE OMOKUNDE, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, RATCLIFF, SHANKLAND, STUBBS, SINICKI and HAYWOOD. Referred to Committee on Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 20.445 (1) (fc), 49.1635 (1), 49.1635 (2), 49.1635 (3), 49.1635 (4)  
2             and 106.15; *to renumber and amend* 49.1635 (5) (a), 49.1635 (5) (b) and  
3             49.1635 (5) (c); *to amend* 16.306 (2) (a), 16.3085 (2) (b) 2., 38.40 (2), 46.56 (14)  
4             (a), 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e., 49.163 (4) (intro.), 49.175 (1) (j), 49.175 (1) (k), 49.265  
5             (1) (b), 49.265 (3) (b) 11., 49.265 (4) (a), 49.265 (4) (b), 49.265 (4) (c), 49.79 (9) (a)  
6             1., 60.85 (7) (a), 60.85 (7) (b), 66.1103 (6m), 66.1105 (6c) (a), 66.1105 (6c) (b),  
7             71.07 (2dx) (a) 5., 71.07 (5r) (b) 2., 71.28 (1dx) (a) 5., 71.28 (5r) (b) 2., 71.47 (1dx)  
8             (a) 5., 71.47 (5r) (b) 2., 76.636 (1) (e) 12., 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b., 106.11, 106.13 (2),  
9             106.16 (2), 106.27 (1m), 109.07 (1m) (a), 115.28 (24), 238.30 (4m) and 946.13  
10            (10); and *to create* 13.48 (26m), 16.03 (2) (d), 16.19, 16.3065, 20.320 (2) (a),  
11            20.435 (5) (em), 20.437 (2) (cs), 20.437 (2) (eg), 20.445 (1) (fc), 20.505 (7) (bq),  
12            20.505 (7) (e), 20.505 (7) (fk), 36.25 (56), 46.483, 49.168, 49.175 (1) (x), 49.45  
13            (31m), 49.675, 51.44 (5) (bm), 106.115, 115.28 (66), 234.253 and 281.61 (8) (b)  
14            of the statutes; **relating to:** housing and homelessness; emergency rental

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1 assistance program; indigent civil legal services; workforce development;  
2 community action agencies; poverty reports; mental health; economic security;  
3 reimbursement for nonemergency medical transportation services; urban mass  
4 transit aid; lead exposure and abatement services; lead service line  
5 replacement; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures;  
6 granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*****HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, AND INDIGENCE*****1. Grants to facilitate the independent living of homeless persons***

Under current law, the Department of Administration provides housing grants to counties, municipalities, community action agencies, and private organizations for the purpose of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families in order to facilitate the movement of homeless persons to independent living. This bill provides an additional \$5,000,000 in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium to fund that grant program.

***2. Emergency rental assistance grants***

The bill creates an emergency rental assistance program under which DOA awards grants to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals and families who have suffered an economic hardship and whose annual household income does not exceed 80 percent of the median household income for the county in which the individual or family resides. The bill appropriates \$10,000,000 for the program in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

***3. Grants to defray housing costs***

The bill increases funding for DOA to award grants to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing costs. The bill provides an additional \$220,000 in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium for that purpose.

***4. Duties of the Interagency Council on Homelessness***

The bill requires the Interagency Council on Homelessness to do all of the following every two years:

1. Identify ways in which DOA and other state agencies specified in the bill and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority can increase access to services for homeless individuals and families, including homeless children and youths as defined under federal law.

2. Advise each of the state agencies specified in the bill and WHEDA to revise any policy or practice that the council determines impedes homeless individuals and families from obtaining services.

**SENATE BILL 557*****5. Report concerning homeless children and youth***

The bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to annually issue a report to the legislature on the number of homeless children and youths in the public schools of this state. Under the bill, “homeless children and youths” is defined by reference to federal law providing homeless assistance.

***6. Report concerning households with worst case housing needs***

The bill requires WHEDA to annually issue a report to the legislature on the number of households with worst case housing needs in this state. “Households with worst case housing needs” is defined in a manner consistent with that used by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The report must include data and demographic information on these households, analysis of the impediments to obtaining affordable housing, and recommendations on how to improve state and local programs to assist these households with their housing needs.

***7. Pilot program related to the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program***

The bill creates a two-year pilot program that gives priority to homeless children and their families, as defined under federal law, on the waiting list that WHEDA, or a public housing agency that contracts with WHEDA, maintains under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. Under the bill, WHEDA is required to develop policies and procedures for the pilot program.

***8. Civil legal services for the indigent***

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families is directed to allocate in each fiscal year specific amounts of money, including federal moneys received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, for various public assistance programs. Under current law, DCF provides funding to the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., (the foundation) to provide civil legal services to TANF-eligible individuals in two ways:

1. DCF provides up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year in matching funds to the foundation for the provision of civil legal services to eligible individuals. This grant does not specify what types of civil legal services may be provided.

2. DCF provides a \$500,000 grant from federal TANF funding in each fiscal year to the foundation to provide grants to programs, up to \$75,000 each, that provide certain legal services to eligible individuals. The legal services provided through this grant are limited to legal services in civil matters related to domestic abuse or sexual abuse or to restraining orders or injunctions for individuals at risk.

The bill removes the grant that requires matching funds and increases the grant to provide certain legal services to eligible individuals to \$1,000,000 per fiscal year. Under the bill, the foundation may additionally use this funding to provide to eligible individuals civil legal services related to eviction. The bill removes the \$75,000 cap on grants provided by the foundation to individual programs.

The bill also requires DOA to make annual payments of \$30,000,000 to the foundation for the purpose of providing civil legal services to indigent persons.

***9. Internet assistance program***

The bill requires DCF to establish an Internet assistance program under which it makes payments to Internet service providers on behalf of low-income individuals

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to assist with paying for Internet service, and provides \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year for this purpose. The bill requires that other assistance program options be exhausted before assistance is provided under this program. The bill allows DCF to contract with a community action agency for the administration of the program. The bill requires DCF to promulgate rules to implement the program, which must include a requirement that the family income of a recipient not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB AND INCOME SUPPORTS*****1. Job and Business Development Program***

The bill increases funding by \$799,400 in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium to supplement, on a one-to-one matching basis, federal employment opportunity demonstration project funds and funds from other federal and private foundation sources for job creation and development for individuals with low incomes. The program funded by these funds is commonly referred to as the Job and Business Development Program.

***2. Skills enhancement services***

Under current law, DCF must distribute grants to community action agencies to provide skills enhancement services, including access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training. Under this program, a community action agency may provide these services to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week and whose earned income is at or below 150 percent of the poverty line. The bill increases the earned income threshold for eligibility to 200 percent of the poverty line.

***3. Transitional Jobs program***

Under current law, DCF administers the Transitional Jobs program, which provides wage subsidies to employers of certain low-income parents or primary caregivers of a child and low-income young adults. The bill provides an additional \$1,000,000 per fiscal year in federal TANF funding to the Transitional Jobs program to provide these services outside of Milwaukee County.

***4. Job and employment services pilot program***

The bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to establish a pilot program that offers job and employment services for individuals receiving housing vouchers or receiving services from state-funded homeless shelters. The bill requires the pilot program to offer services similar to those offered under the existing Transform Milwaukee Jobs and Transitional Jobs programs in current law. The bill funds the pilot program with \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium. Under the bill, the pilot program sunsets on June 30, 2025.

***5. Council on Workforce Investment strategic plan***

Under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), federal funds are allocated to the state and, in turn, to local workforce development areas designated by the governor to provide employment and training activities for job seekers and workers. The WIOA repealed a prior law known as the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), which contained a number of similar provisions. To receive funding under the WIOA, the governor must establish a

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Council on Workforce Investment. The bill requires the council to identify certain populations for services under its WIOA strategic plan. The populations to be included are 1) homeless individuals from ages 18 to 24; 2) certain children placed in out-of-home care; and 3) homeless adults.

**6. Miscellaneous provisions**

The bill repeals a provision concerning review and approval of certain matters regarding assistance to dislocated workers that was administered as part of the WIA, but that no longer exists. In addition, the bill updates references to the United States Code sections regarding WIOA.

**COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES**

Under current law, DCF must distribute grants to community action agencies to provide skills enhancement services, including access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training. The bill provides an additional \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2023–25 fiscal biennium for that purpose.

The bill also provides a match from state funding to the federal community services block grant, which funds the work of community action agencies. Under current law, a community action agency is an entity that provides services such as employment or housing assistance, financial planning, or educational services to low-income individuals and that works to combat poverty in the community that it serves. The bill increases the income cap for receiving services from a community action agency from 125 percent of the federal poverty line to 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

The bill also requires the Department of Health Services to establish a grant program to provide grants to community action agencies to enable them to respond to the needs of communities and low-income families and individuals in crisis resulting from opioid addiction-related issues. Through the program, DHS is required to endeavor to expand and support effective community efforts to identify and respond to causes and consequences of opioid misuse and addiction experienced by low-income individuals, families, and communities. Under the bill, DHS must award grants of at least \$25,000 and up to \$250,000 per year. The bill sets out criteria DHS must use in awarding grants as well as characteristics of applications to which DHS must give preference. Grants under the bill may not be more than three years in duration unless approved by the secretary of health services.

**LEAD EXPOSURE AND ABATEMENT****1. Early intervention services for children with lead in their blood**

Under current law, DHS implements a statewide program, referred to as the Birth to 3 Program, that provides early intervention services for children aged three and under who are developmentally delayed or are diagnosed as having a condition that is likely to result in significantly delayed development. The bill ensures that children with a concentration of lead in their blood of at least 3.5 micrograms per 100 milliliters of blood are eligible for services under the Birth to 3 Program. The bill also allows DHS to develop a methodology to allocate funding for early intervention services across county programs.

**SENATE BILL 557****2. *Lead-Safe Homes Program***

Under current law, DHS provides lead abatement services through the Lead-Safe Homes Program. The Lead-Safe Homes Program provides repairs to owner-occupied and rental properties to make them lead-safe. Currently, the program is funded in part through federal funding. The bill increases state funding for the program by \$28,400,000 over the fiscal biennium.

**3. *Windows Plus lead exposure program***

The bill authorizes one general purpose revenue position within DHS and increases funding to resume the Windows Plus lead exposure program. The Windows Plus lead exposure program was initiated in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium with onetime funding to provide lead-safe renovations in homes built before 1950 that are inhabited or frequently visited by low-income families with children. The program focuses renovations on high-risk components of housing, such as windows, porches, floors, and siding.

**4. *Lead service line replacement***

This bill appropriates \$200,000,000 from the general fund to the environmental improvement program for projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to replace lead service lines. Under current law, DOA and the Department of Natural Resources administer the safe drinking water loan program (SDWLP), which provides financial assistance from the environmental improvement program to local governmental units and to the private owners of community water systems that serve local governmental units for projects for the planning, designing, construction, or modification of public water systems. DNR establishes a funding list for SDWLP projects and DOA allocates funding for those projects.

**SOBER LIVING**

The bill requires DHS to encourage the development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences and to allocate moneys to create a revolving loan fund for establishing sober living residences or a network of sober living residences or to award grants for purposes specified in the bill.

**NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

The bill requires DHS to determine and implement a reimbursement rate for nonemergency medical transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients who are nursing home residents that is the same as the prevalent brokerage reimbursement rate applied to other nonemergency medical transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients.

**TRANSPORTATION****1. *Transportation grants***

Under current law, the Department of Transportation may award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of demand management, ride-sharing, and job access and employment transportation assistance programs. The bill increases the amount of state monies appropriated in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium for the development and implementation of job access and employment transportation assistance programs by 5 percent of the amount appropriated for those purposes in fiscal year 2022-23.

**SENATE BILL 557****2. *Urban mass transit aid***

Under current law, DOT provides state aid payments to local public bodies in urban areas served by mass transit systems to assist the local public bodies with the expenses of operating those systems. The bill increases the total amount of state aid payments for mass transit systems serving urban areas having a population of less than 50,000 to \$5,707,800 in calendar year 2023 and thereafter.

**3. *Specialized transportation services***

Under current law, DOT administers specialized transportation programs to provide financial assistance for transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. One program provides funding to counties based on each county's proportion of the state's population of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The other program provides funds to local public bodies and nonprofit organizations through a competitive application process to supplement federal funding under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. The bill increases funding for both programs by 2 percent of the amount appropriated for those purposes in fiscal year 2022-23.

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

The bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to allocate \$50,000 each fiscal year for the Institute for Research on Poverty at UW-Madison to study and provide an annual report to the public on poverty in this state.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 13.48 (26m) of the statutes is created to read:

2           13.48 **(26m)** LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT. The legislature finds and  
3 determines that the prevalence of lead service lines in connections to public water  
4 systems poses a public health hazard and that processes for reducing lead entering  
5 drinking water from such pipes requires additional treatment of wastewater. It is  
6 therefore in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this state, to assist  
7 private users of public water systems in replacing lead service lines.

8           **SECTION 2.** 16.03 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           16.03 (2) (d) No later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, do all of the  
2 following:

3           1. Identify ways in which the departments of administration, children and  
4 families, health services, public instruction, workforce development, and veterans  
5 affairs and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority can  
6 increase access to services for homeless individuals and families, including  
7 individuals who are included in the category of homeless children and youths, as  
8 defined in 42 USC 11434a (2).

9           2. Advise each of the departments specified in subd. 1. and the Wisconsin  
10 Housing and Economic Development Authority to revise any policy or practice of the  
11 department or authority that the council determines impedes homeless individuals  
12 and families from obtaining services.

13           **SECTION 3.** 16.19 of the statutes is created to read:

14           **16.19 Civil legal services for the indigent.** Annually, the department shall  
15 pay the amount appropriated under s. 20.505 (7) (e) to the Wisconsin Trust Account  
16 Foundation, Inc., to provide civil legal services to indigent persons. The Wisconsin  
17 Trust Account Foundation, Inc., shall distribute the amount received as grants to  
18 programs that provide civil legal services to indigent persons, and those programs  
19 may use the grant funds to match other federal and private grants. The grants may  
20 be used only for the purposes for which the funding was provided.

21           **SECTION 4.** 16.306 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           16.306 (2) (a) From the ~~appropriation~~ appropriations under s. 20.505 (7) ~~(fk)~~  
23 and (fm), the department may award a grant to an eligible applicant for the purpose  
24 of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and  
25 families to facilitate their movement to independent living if the conditions under



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1 par. (b) are satisfied. The department shall ensure that the funds for the grants are  
2 reasonably balanced among geographic areas of the state that correspond to the  
3 geographic areas served by each continuum of care organization designated by the  
4 federal department of housing and urban development, consistent with the quality  
5 of applications submitted award grants under this paragraph on a competitive basis.

6 **SECTION 5.** 16.3065 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **16.3065 Emergency rental assistance.** (1) In this section, “eligible  
8 applicant” has the meaning given in s. 16.306 (1).

9 (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (bq), the department shall  
10 award grants to eligible applicants to provide tenant-based rental assistance to  
11 individuals and families. All grant funds shall be used to provide tenant-based  
12 rental assistance to individuals and families who have suffered an economic  
13 hardship and whose annual household income does not exceed 80 percent of the  
14 median household income for the county in which the individual or family resides.

15 **SECTION 6.** 16.3085 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 16.3085 (2) (b) 2. Employment-related services, including connecting parents  
17 who are job training graduates or who have a recent work history with their local  
18 workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122 and assisting  
19 them with using the job center website maintained by the department of workforce  
20 development.

21 **SECTION 7.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
22 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

**SENATE BILL 557****SECTION 7****2023-24****2024-25**1 **20.320 Environmental improvement program**

2 (2) SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM OPERATIONS

3 (a) Lead service line replacement GPR C 200,000,000 -0-

4 **20.435 Health services, department of**

5 (5) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

6 (em) Sober living residences GPR B 1,000,000 1,000,000

7 **20.437 Children and families, department of**

8 (2) ECONOMIC SUPPORT

9 (eg) Internet assistance program GPR A 10,000,000 10,000,000

10 **20.445 Workforce development, department of**

11 (1) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

12 (fc) Job and employment services;

13 pilot program GPR A 500,000 500,000

14 **20.505 Administration, department of**

15 (7) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

16 (bq) Emergency rental assistance GPR C 5,000,000 5,000,000

17 (e) Indigent civil legal services GPR A 30,000,000 30,000,000

18 (fk) Housing grants GPR C 2,500,000 2,500,000

19 **SECTION 8.** 20.320 (2) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           20.320 (2) (a) *Lead service line replacement*. As a continuing appropriation, the  
2 amounts in the schedule for lead service line replacement loans under s. 281.61 (8)  
3 (b).

4           **SECTION 9.** 20.435 (5) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

5           20.435 (5) (em) *Sober living residences*. Biennially, the amounts in the  
6 schedule to support sober living residences or sober living residence networks under  
7 s. 46.483.

8           **SECTION 10.** 20.437 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

9           20.437 (2) (cs) *Community services block grant; state match*. A sum sufficient  
10 to match 25 percent of the amounts received under 42 USC 9903 for the federal  
11 community services block grant for the purposes for which the federal community  
12 services block grant funds are received.

13           **SECTION 11.** 20.437 (2) (eg) of the statutes is created to read:

14           20.437 (2) (eg) *Internet assistance program*. The amounts in the schedule for  
15 the Internet assistance program under s. 49.168.

16           **SECTION 12.** 20.445 (1) (fc) of the statutes is created to read:

17           20.445 (1) (fc) *Job and employment services; pilot program*. The amounts in the  
18 schedule for the pilot program established under 2023 Wisconsin Act .... (this act),  
19 section 69 (1).

20           **SECTION 13.** 20.445 (1) (fc) of the statutes, as created by 2023 Wisconsin Act ....

21 (this act), is repealed.

22           **SECTION 14.** 20.505 (7) (bq) of the statutes is created to read:

23           20.505 (7) (bq) *Emergency rental assistance*. As a continuing appropriation,  
24 the amounts in the schedule for emergency rental assistance grants under s.  
25 16.3065.

**SENATE BILL 557****SECTION 15**

1           **SECTION 15.** 20.505 (7) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

2           20.505 (7) (e) *Indigent civil legal services.* The amounts in the schedule to  
3 provide grants for the provision of civil legal services to indigent persons under s.  
4 16.19.

5           **SECTION 16.** 20.505 (7) (fk) of the statutes is created to read:

6           20.505 (7) (fk) *Housing grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in  
7 the schedule for housing grants under s. 16.306.

8           **SECTION 17.** 36.25 (56) of the statutes is created to read:

9           36.25 (56) ANNUAL POVERTY STUDY. Of the moneys appropriated to the Board  
10 of Regents under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the board shall, beginning in fiscal year 2023-24,  
11 allocate \$50,000 in each fiscal year for the Institute for Research on Poverty at the  
12 University of Wisconsin-Madison to study and provide an annual report to the public  
13 on poverty in this state.

14           **SECTION 18.** 38.40 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           38.40 (2) INTERAGENCY ASSISTANCE. The council on workforce investment  
16 established under 29 USC ~~2821~~ 3111 and the department of public instruction shall  
17 assist the board in providing the technical preparation, school-to-work, and  
18 work-based learning programs under sub. (1m).

19           **SECTION 19.** 46.483 of the statutes is created to read:

20           **46.483 Sober living residences. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section, “sober living  
21 residence” means a residential dwelling unit or other form of group housing that is  
22 offered or advertised by a person as a residence that provides a peer-supported,  
23 alcohol-free, and drug-free living environment where no treatment services are  
24 provided on-site and that would qualify for a loan under 42 USC 300x-25.

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1           **(2) REQUIREMENT; FUNDING SUPPORT.** The department shall encourage the  
2 development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences.  
3 From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (em), the department shall allocate  
4 moneys for any of the following purposes:

5           (a) Creating a revolving loan fund for establishing a sober living residence or  
6 a network of sober living residences.

7           (b) Awarding grants to train and supervise field workers to provide technical  
8 assistance to sober living residences.

9           (c) Awarding grants to entities that establish sober living residences or to sober  
10 living residences to support the development, expansion, and quality operation of  
11 sober living residences.

12           **SECTION 20.** 46.56 (14) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           **46.56 (14)** (a) In order to support the development of a comprehensive service  
14 system of coordinated care for children who are involved in 2 or more systems of care  
15 and their families, the department shall establish a state advisory committee with  
16 representatives of county departments and tribal governing bodies, the department  
17 of public instruction, educational agencies, the department of children and families,  
18 the department of corrections, the juvenile correctional system, professionals  
19 experienced in the provision of services to children who are involved in 2 or more  
20 systems of care and their families, advocates for such families and their children, the  
21 subunit of the department of workforce development that administers vocational  
22 rehabilitation, a representative of the local workforce development board  
23 established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, a representative of the philanthropy  
24 community, the technical college system, health care providers, courts assigned to  
25 exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, child welfare officials, and other

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1 appropriate persons as selected by the department. The department may use an  
2 existing committee for this purpose if it has representatives from the listed groups  
3 and is willing to perform the required functions. This committee shall establish  
4 principles and core values for administering initiatives, monitor the development of  
5 initiatives throughout the state, and support communication and mutual assistance  
6 among operating initiatives as well as those that are being developed.

7 **SECTION 21.** 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. Coordinate with local workforce development boards  
9 established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122 to ensure compatibility of purpose and no  
10 duplication of effort.

11 **SECTION 22.** 49.163 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 49.163 (4) CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION. (intro.) The department may  
13 contract with any person to administer the program under this section, including a  
14 Wisconsin Works agency; county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23; local  
15 workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122; or community  
16 action agency under s. 49.265. The department, or the agency or agencies with which  
17 the department contracts under this subsection, shall do all of the following:

18 **SECTION 23.** 49.1635 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 24.** 49.1635 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 25.** 49.1635 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 26.** 49.1635 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 27.** 49.1635 (5) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 49.1635 (1m) and  
23 amended to read:

24 49.1635 (1m) From the allocation under s. 49.175 (1) (j), the department shall  
25 make a grant of ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to Wisconsin Trust Account

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1 Foundation, Inc., for distribution of annual awards of ~~not more than \$75,000 per year~~  
2 ~~per program~~ to programs that provide legal services to persons who are eligible under  
3 ~~par. (b) 2.~~ sub. (2m) (b) if all of the following apply:

4 (a) Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., submits a plan to the  
5 department detailing the proposed use of the grant; the proposed use of the grant  
6 conforms to the requirements under ~~par. (b)~~ sub. (2m); and the secretary of the  
7 department, or his or her designee, approves the plan.

8 (b) Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., enters into an agreement with  
9 the department that specifies the conditions for the use of the grant proceeds, and  
10 the conditions conform to the requirements under ~~par. (b)~~ sub. (2m) and include  
11 training, reporting, and auditing requirements.

12 (c) Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., agrees in writing to submit to the  
13 department the reports required under ~~par. (e)~~ sub. (3m) by the times required under  
14 ~~par. (e)~~ sub. (3m).

15 **SECTION 28.** 49.1635 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 49.1635 (2m), and  
16 49.1635 (2m) (a), (b) and (c), as renumbered, are amended to read:

17 49.1635 **(2m)** (a) Subject to ~~subd. 3.~~ par. (c), the grant may be used only to  
18 provide legal services in civil matters related to eviction, domestic abuse, or sexual  
19 abuse, or to restraining orders or injunctions for individuals at risk under s. 813.123.

20 (b) The recipients of the legal services under a grant under this ~~subsection~~  
21 section shall be individuals who are eligible for temporary assistance for needy  
22 families under 42 USC 601 et seq. and whose gross incomes are at or below 200  
23 percent of the poverty line. For purposes of this ~~subdivision~~ paragraph, gross income  
24 shall be determined in the same way as gross income is determined for purposes of  
25 eligibility for a Wisconsin Works employment position, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (r),

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1 including the exclusion of any payments or benefits made under any federal law that  
2 exempts those payments or benefits from consideration in determining eligibility for  
3 any federal means-tested program.

4 (c) The legal services provided by a grant under this subsection ~~subsection~~ section shall  
5 be provided only in matters for which federal temporary assistance for needy families  
6 block grant funds under 42 USC 601 et seq. may be used.

7 **SECTION 29.** 49.1635 (5) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 49.1635 (3m) and  
8 amended to read:

9 49.1635 (3m) For each fiscal year in which the department makes a grant  
10 under this subsection ~~sub. (1m)~~, Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., shall  
11 submit to the department, within 3 months after spending the full amount of that  
12 grant, a report detailing how the grant proceeds were used. The department may not  
13 make a grant in a subsequent fiscal year unless Wisconsin Trust Account  
14 Foundation, Inc., submits the report under this ~~paragraph~~ subsection within the  
15 time required and the department determines that the grant proceeds were used in  
16 accordance with the approved plan under ~~par. (a) 1.~~ sub. (1m) (a), the agreement  
17 under ~~par. (a) 2.~~ sub. (1m) (b), and the requirements under ~~par. (b)~~ sub. (2m).

18 **SECTION 30.** 49.168 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **49.168 Internet assistance program. (1)** The department shall establish  
20 an Internet assistance program under which it shall, from the appropriation under  
21 s. 20.437 (2) (eg) and the allocation under s. 49.175 (1) (x), make payments to Internet  
22 service providers on behalf of low-income individuals to assist with paying for  
23 Internet service. Assistance under this program may be provided only after other  
24 assistance program options have been exhausted. The department may contract



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1 with a community action agency under s. 49.265 for the administration of the  
2 program.

3 (2) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the program under  
4 this section and shall include a financial eligibility requirement that the family  
5 income of a recipient not exceed 200 percent of the poverty line.

6 **SECTION 31.** 49.175 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 49.175 (1) (j) *Grants for providing civil legal services.* For the grants under s.  
8 49.1635 (5) (1m) to Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., for distribution to  
9 programs that provide civil legal services to low-income families, \$500,000  
10 \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year.

11 **SECTION 32.** 49.175 (1) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 49.175 (1) (k) *Transform Milwaukee and Transitional Jobs programs.* For  
13 contract costs under the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and the Transitional  
14 Jobs program under s. 49.163, \$9,500,000 \$10,500,000 in each fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 33.** 49.175 (1) (x) of the statutes is created to read:

16 49.175 (1) (x) *Internet assistance program.* For the Internet assistance  
17 program under s. 49.168, \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year.

18 **SECTION 34.** 49.265 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 49.265 (1) (b) "Poor person" means a resident of a community served by a  
20 community action agency whose income is at or below ~~125~~ 200 percent of the poverty  
21 line.

22 **SECTION 35.** 49.265 (3) (b) 11. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 49.265 (3) (b) 11. Provide, to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week  
24 and whose earned income is at or below ~~150~~ 200 percent of the poverty line, a program  
25 of skills enhancement that shall include access to transportation, child care, career

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1 counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and  
2 training.

3 **SECTION 36.** 49.265 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 49.265 (4) (a) The department shall distribute the federal community services  
5 block grant funds received under 42 USC 9903 and credited to the appropriation  
6 account under s. 20.437 (2) (mg). From the appropriation account under s. 20.437  
7 (2) (cs), the department shall distribute funds in an amount equal to 25 percent of  
8 the amounts received under 42 USC 9903.

9 **SECTION 37.** 49.265 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 49.265 (4) (b) The department shall allocate at least 90 percent of the funds  
11 received under 42 USC 9903 and the state matching funds under par. (a) to  
12 community action agencies and organizations.

13 **SECTION 38.** 49.265 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 49.265 (4) (c) The department may not allocate more than 5 percent of the funds  
15 received under 42 USC 9903 and the state matching funds under par. (a) for state  
16 administrative expenses.

17 **SECTION 39.** 49.45 (31m) of the statutes is created to read:

18 49.45 (31m) NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR NURSING  
19 HOME RESIDENTS. The department shall determine and apply a reimbursement rate  
20 for nonemergency medical transportation services under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 3. for  
21 Medical Assistance recipients who are nursing home residents that is the same as  
22 the prevalent brokerage reimbursement rate applied to other nonemergency medical  
23 transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients under this subchapter.

24 **SECTION 40.** 49.675 of the statutes is created to read:

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1           **49.675 Community action opioid response grant program.** (1) In this  
2 section, “community action agency” means an eligible entity as defined under 42  
3 USC 9902 (1) (A).

4           (2) The department shall establish a grant program to enable community  
5 action agencies to respond to the needs of communities and low-income families and  
6 individuals in crisis resulting from the opioid addiction epidemic. Through the  
7 program under this section, the department shall endeavor to expand and support  
8 effective community efforts to identify and respond to causes and consequences of  
9 opioid misuse and addiction experienced by low-income individuals, families, and  
10 communities.

11           (3) Any community action agency is eligible to apply for a grant under this  
12 section by submitting an application in the form and manner specified by the  
13 department.

14           (4) A recipient of a grant under this section may use the moneys to support one  
15 or more of the following activities, which may be conducted in coordination or  
16 partnership with other community organizations:

17           (a) Enhanced public education to improve individual and community  
18 awareness, with respect to the opioid misuse or addiction, including for children and  
19 youth.

20           (b) Outreach and identification of individuals at risk of or experiencing opioid  
21 misuse or addiction, and referral of such individuals to appropriate treatment,  
22 recovery, or other resources in the community.

23           (c) Direct services to prevent, treat, or recover from opioid addiction.

24           (d) Services to stabilize the education, employment, housing, transportation,  
25 or other needs of addicted or at-risk individuals and their family members.

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1           (e) Services to address and mitigate the impact of opioid addiction on children  
2 in the household.

3           (f) Support and assistance to children who are in foster care or at risk of  
4 placement in foster care because of the opioid addiction of their parents and to the  
5 caregivers for these children.

6           (g) Development of partnerships with entities such as local health care  
7 providers, substance abuse treatment organizations, schools, child welfare agencies,  
8 social service organizations, police departments, prosecutors, courts, prisons, local  
9 governments, businesses, and religious institutions, in order to coordinate or expand  
10 resources available to addicted or at-risk individuals and their family members.

11           (h) Training for agency personnel on issues related to opioid addiction,  
12 including early identification of at-risk individuals and administration of overdose  
13 prevention medications.

14           **(5)** Each grant awarded by the department under this section shall be at least  
15 \$25,000 and not more than \$250,000 each fiscal year.

16           **(6)** A grant awarded by the department under this section may not be more  
17 than 3 years in duration unless approved by the secretary based on outcome data or  
18 extenuating circumstances.

19           **(7)** Each grant recipient shall submit an annual report to the department  
20 detailing goals, interventions, outcomes, and expenditures related to the recipient's  
21 program funded by a grant under this section. Each grant recipient shall make each  
22 report under this subsection publicly available on the recipient's website. The  
23 department shall publish each report submitted under this subsection on the  
24 department's website and coordinate with the department of children and families  
25 to provide additional public access to the reports through the website of the

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1 department of children and families. Annually, the department shall compile reports  
2 submitted under this subsection and submit the compilation with a report  
3 containing a summary of the information in the recipients' reports to the chief clerk  
4 of each house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2).

5 (8) The department shall publish on its website the application process and  
6 criteria for grants under this section. In order to be eligible for a grant under this  
7 section, the department shall require each application submitted to include all of the  
8 following items:

9 (a) A description of the objectives of the program and activities to be funded by  
10 the grant and how the grant will be used to achieve these objectives, including  
11 specific activities and services to be conducted, and specific populations or areas to  
12 be served, including any targeted subgroups, such as incarcerated or homeless  
13 individuals.

14 (b) A description of innovative approaches to be used and evidence of likely  
15 success.

16 (c) A plan for measuring progress in achieving the objectives identified under  
17 par. (a), including a strategy to collect data that can be used to measure the project's  
18 effectiveness.

19 (d) Identification of relevant community or other organizations with which the  
20 applicant will coordinate or partner and a description of the proposed coordination  
21 or partnership.

22 (e) Sufficient affirmation, as determined by the department, that the applicant  
23 has conducted an assessment of community needs related to opioid misuse and  
24 addiction among low-income individuals and families, and that the proposed uses  
25 of the grant funds will address unmet needs identified by the assessment.

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1 (f) Confirmation that any funds awarded through the grant program under this  
2 section will not supplant other programs or resources in the community with similar  
3 objectives.

4 (g) Confirmation that the recipient will use evidence-based approaches to the  
5 maximum extent practicable.

6 **(9)** In considering applications for grants under this section, the department  
7 shall consider and give priority to applications that demonstrate one or more of the  
8 following characteristics:

9 (a) Evidence of coordination and partnership with agencies or entities with  
10 experience or expertise in addressing opioid-related issues.

11 (b) Evidence of leveraging nonstate funds or in-kind resources to extend the  
12 reach or duration of the program proposed by the application.

13 (c) Quality of methodology proposed to monitor the outcomes of the program  
14 proposed by the application and effectiveness in achieving the goals of the program  
15 and mitigating the harmful health and socioeconomic impacts of opioid addiction.

16 (d) Evidence of capacity-building and strengthening of community responses  
17 to the opioid crisis.

18 (e) Efforts to minimize the trauma and negative impact of foster care on  
19 children of addicted individuals.

20 (f) Demonstrated knowledge of opioid-related needs in the target community.

21 (g) Use of innovative or evidence-based approaches to address unmet opioid  
22 needs, including to promote self-sufficiency and well-being for families with  
23 children impacted by opioid addiction.

24 **SECTION 41.** 49.79 (9) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           49.79 (9) (a) 1. The department shall administer an employment and training  
2 program for recipients under the food stamp program and may contract with county  
3 departments under ss. 46.215, 46.22, and 46.23, multicounty consortia, local  
4 workforce development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, tribal  
5 governing bodies, or other organizations to carry out the administrative functions.  
6 A county department, multicounty consortium, local workforce development board,  
7 tribal governing body, or other organization may subcontract with a Wisconsin  
8 Works agency or another provider to administer the employment and training  
9 program under this subsection.

10           **SECTION 42.** 51.44 (5) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

11           51.44 (5) (bm) Ensure that any child with a level of lead in his or her blood that  
12 is 5 or more micrograms per 100 milliliters of blood, as confirmed by one venous blood  
13 test, is eligible for services under the program under this section.

14           **SECTION 43.** 60.85 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           60.85 (7) (a) Any person who operates for profit and is paid project costs under  
16 sub. (1) (h) 1. a., d., i., and j. in connection with the project plan for a tax incremental  
17 district shall notify the department of workforce development and the local  
18 workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122 of any positions  
19 to be filled in the county in which the town that created the tax incremental district  
20 is located during the period commencing with the date the person first performs work  
21 on the project and ending one year after receipt of its final payment of project costs.  
22 The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

23           **SECTION 44.** 60.85 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24           60.85 (7) (b) Any person who operates for profit and buys or leases property in  
25 a tax incremental district from a town for which the town incurs real property

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1 assembly costs under sub. (1) (h) 1. c. shall notify the department of workforce  
2 development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC  
3 ~~2832~~ 3122 of any position to be filled in the county in which the town creating the tax  
4 incremental district is located within one year after the sale or commencement of the  
5 lease. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the  
6 position.

7 **SECTION 45.** 66.1103 (6m) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 66.1103 **(6m)** NOTIFICATION OF POSITION OPENINGS. A municipality or county may  
9 not enter into a revenue agreement with any person who operates for profit unless  
10 that person has agreed to notify the department of workforce development and the  
11 local workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~, 3122 of any  
12 position to be filled in that municipality or county within one year after issuance of  
13 the revenue bonds. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks before  
14 advertising the position. The notice required by this subsection does not affect the  
15 offer of employment requirements of sub. (4s).

16 **SECTION 46.** 66.1105 (6c) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 66.1105 **(6c)** (a) Any person who operates for profit and is paid project costs  
18 under sub. (2) (f) 1. a., d., j. and k. in connection with the project plan for a tax  
19 incremental district shall notify the department of workforce development and the  
20 local workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~, 3122 of any  
21 positions to be filled in the county in which the city which created the tax incremental  
22 district is located during the period commencing with the date the person first  
23 performs work on the project and ending one year after receipt of its final payment  
24 of project costs. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to  
25 advertising the position.



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1           **SECTION 47.** 66.1105 (6c) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           66.1105 **(6c)** (b) Any person who operates for profit and buys or leases property  
3 in a tax incremental district from a city for which the city incurs real property  
4 assembly costs under sub. (2) (f) 1. c. shall notify the department of workforce  
5 development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC  
6 ~~2832~~, 3122 of any position to be filled in the county in which the city creating the tax  
7 incremental district is located within one year after the sale or commencement of the  
8 lease. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the  
9 position.

10           **SECTION 48.** 71.07 (2dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

11           71.07 **(2dx)** (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides  
12 in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area,  
13 a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility  
14 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position,  
15 a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or  
16 in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who  
17 is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational  
18 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically  
19 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general  
20 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer  
21 youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in  
22 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified  
23 in the manner under s. 71.07 (2dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency,  
24 as defined in s. 71.07 (2dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

25           **SECTION 49.** 71.07 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           71.07 **(5r)** (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred  
2 for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary  
3 institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a  
4 projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce  
5 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, and if the individual was  
6 eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

7           **SECTION 50.** 71.28 (1dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

8           71.28 **(1dx)** (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides  
9 in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area,  
10 a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility  
11 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position,  
12 a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or  
13 in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who  
14 is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational  
15 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically  
16 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general  
17 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer  
18 youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in  
19 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified  
20 in the manner under s. 71.28 (1dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency,  
21 as defined in s. 71.28 (1dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

22           **SECTION 51.** 71.28 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

23           71.28 **(5r)** (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred  
24 for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary  
25 institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a

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1 projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce  
2 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, and if the individual was  
3 eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

4 **SECTION 52.** 71.47 (1dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 71.47 (**1dx**) (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides  
6 in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area,  
7 a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility  
8 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position,  
9 a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or  
10 in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who  
11 is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational  
12 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically  
13 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general  
14 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer  
15 youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in  
16 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified  
17 in the manner under s. 71.47 (1dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency,  
18 as defined in s. 71.47 (1dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

19 **SECTION 53.** 71.47 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 71.47 (**5r**) (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred  
21 for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary  
22 institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a  
23 projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce  
24 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, and if the individual was  
25 eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

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1           **SECTION 54.** 76.636 (1) (e) 12. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           76.636 (1) (e) 12. A dislocated worker, as defined in 29 USC ~~2801(9)~~ 3102 (15).

3           **SECTION 55.** 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. of the statutes, as affected by 2023 Wisconsin  
4 Act 19, is amended to read:

5           85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. For the purpose of making allocations under subd. 8. a., the  
6 amounts for aids are \$5,292,700 in calendar years 2020 to ~~2023~~ 2022 and \$5,398,600  
7 ~~in each calendar year~~ \$5,707,800 in calendar year 2023 and thereafter. These  
8 amounts, to the extent practicable, shall be used to determine the uniform  
9 percentage in the particular calendar year.

10          **SECTION 56.** 106.11 of the statutes is amended to read:

11          **106.11 Workforce investment programs.** The department shall cooperate  
12 with the federal government in carrying out the purposes of the federal ~~Workforce~~  
13 ~~Investment Act of 1998, 29 USC 2801 to 2945~~ Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
14 Act of 2014, 29 USC 3101 to 3361. In administering the programs authorized by that  
15 act the department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies, the council on  
16 workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111, and ~~with~~ local workforce  
17 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, establish a statewide  
18 workforce investment system to meet the employment, training, and educational  
19 needs of persons in this state. If a local workforce development board anticipates  
20 that there may be a business closing or mass layoff under s. 109.07 in the area served  
21 by that board, the board may prepare a list of resources available in that area that  
22 provide career planning, job search, job skills training, and other support services for  
23 affected employees, as defined in s. 109.07 (1) (a), including contact information for  
24 those resources, for distribution to those employees under s. 109.07 (1m) (a).

25          **SECTION 57.** 106.115 of the statutes is created to read:

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1           **106.115 Council on workforce investment. (1)** In this section, “homeless”  
2 has the meaning given in 42 USC 11302 (a).

3           **(2)** The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111 shall  
4 identify all of the following populations of individuals with a barrier to employment  
5 to receive employment, training, and educational services when submitting the state  
6 plan required by section 3113 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
7 Act of 2014:

8           (a) Homeless individuals from 18 to 24 years of age.

9           (b) Children placed in out-of-home care under ch. 48.

10          (c) Homeless adults over age 24.

11          **SECTION 58.** 106.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12          106.13 **(2)** The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC  
13 ~~2821~~ 3111, the technical college system board, and the department of public  
14 instruction shall assist the department in providing the youth apprenticeship  
15 program under sub. (1).

16          **SECTION 59.** 106.15 of the statutes is repealed.

17          **SECTION 60.** 106.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18          106.16 **(2)** Any company that receives a loan or grant from a state agency or  
19 an authority under ch. 231 or 234 shall notify the department and the local workforce  
20 development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, of any position in the  
21 company that is related to the project for which the grant or loan is received to be  
22 filled in this state within one year after receipt of the loan or grant. The company  
23 shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

24          **SECTION 61.** 106.27 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           106.27 **(1m)** LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM. From the appropriation under  
2 s. 20.445 (1) (bm), the department shall develop and maintain a labor market  
3 information system to collect, analyze, and disseminate information on current and  
4 projected employment opportunities in this state and other appropriate information  
5 relating to labor market dynamics as determined by the department. The  
6 department shall make the information contained in the system available, free of  
7 charge, to school districts, technical colleges, tribal colleges, institutions and college  
8 campuses within the University of Wisconsin System, local workforce development  
9 boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, employers, job seekers, and the general  
10 public, including making that information available on the department's Internet  
11 site.

12           **SECTION 62.** 109.07 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           109.07 **(1m)** (a) Subject to sub. (5) or (6), an employer that has decided upon  
14 a business closing or mass layoff in this state shall promptly notify the ~~subunit of the~~  
15 department ~~that administers s. 106.15~~, any affected employee, any collective  
16 bargaining representative of any affected employee, and the highest official of any  
17 municipality in which the affected employment site is located, in writing of such  
18 action no later than 60 days prior to the date on which the business closing or mass  
19 layoff takes place. The notice to an affected employee shall also include contact  
20 information for the local workforce development board under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122  
21 serving the area in which the employment site is located and, if available, the list of  
22 resources prepared under s. 106.11. The employer shall provide in writing all  
23 information concerning its payroll, affected employees, and the wages and other  
24 remuneration owed to those employees as the department may require. The

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1 department may in addition require the employer to submit a plan setting forth the  
2 manner in which final payment in full shall be made to affected employees.

3 **SECTION 63.** 115.28 (24) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.28 (24) PRIORITY IN AWARDING GRANTS. Give priority in awarding grants to  
5 school boards under s. 115.36, and in awarding grants from federal funds received  
6 under 20 USC 2301 to 2471, 20 USC 4601 to 4665 and 29 USC 2862 (b) (1) (B), to  
7 programs that provide more than one of the educational services specified under s.  
8 115.36, 115.915, 118.01 (2) (d) 7. or 8. or 118.153 or 20 USC 2301 to 2471, 20 USC 4601  
9 to 4665 or 29 USC ~~2862~~ 3172 (b) (1) (B).

10 **SECTION 64.** 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.28 (66) REPORT ON HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS. Annually, submit to the  
12 chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under  
13 s. 13.172 (2), a report on the number of homeless children and youths, as defined in  
14 42 USC 11434a (2), in the public schools of this state.

15 **SECTION 65.** 234.253 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **234.253 Report on households with worst case housing needs. (1)**

17 DEFINITIONS. In this section, “households with worst case housing needs” means  
18 households that meet all of the following criteria:

19 (a) Are renters.

20 (b) Do not receive federal, state, or local housing assistance.

21 (c) Have incomes of no more than 50 percent of the area median income, as  
22 determined by the federal department of housing and urban development and  
23 adjusted for family size.

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1 (d) Live in severely inadequate conditions, as determined by the federal  
2 department of housing and urban development, or pay more than half of their income  
3 for rent, or both.

4 **(2) ANNUAL REPORT.** The authority shall annually submit to the chief clerk of  
5 each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2),  
6 a report on the number of households with worst case housing needs in this state.  
7 The report shall include the number of households with worst case housing needs by  
8 county, demographic statistics and information on these households, analysis of the  
9 impediments to securing affordable housing, and recommended changes to state and  
10 local programs to assist these households with securing affordable housing.

11 **SECTION 66.** 238.30 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 238.30 **(4m)** “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides in an  
13 area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area, a  
14 person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility requirements  
15 under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position, a person who  
16 is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or in a trial  
17 employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who is  
18 eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational  
19 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically  
20 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general  
21 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a dislocated worker,  
22 as defined in 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has  
23 been certified in the manner under 26 USC 51 (d) (13) (A) by a designated local  
24 agency, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (12).

25 **SECTION 67.** 281.61 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:



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1           281.61 (8) (b) The department of administration shall allocate the amount  
2           appropriated under s. 20.320 (2) (a) to projects involving forgivable loans to private  
3           users of public water systems to replace lead service lines.

4           **SECTION 68.** 946.13 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           946.13 (10) Subsection (1) (a) does not apply to a member of a local workforce  
6           development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122 or to a member of the  
7           council on workforce investment established under 29 USC ~~2821~~ 3111.

8           **SECTION 69. Nonstatutory provisions.**

9           (1) **JOB AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM.** The department of workforce  
10          development shall establish a pilot program to provide supportive job and  
11          employment services to individuals receiving housing vouchers or receiving services  
12          from state-funded homeless shelters. The pilot program established under this  
13          subsection shall provide similar job and employment services to those provided  
14          under the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs program under  
15          s. 49.163. The department shall establish eligibility criteria for individuals  
16          participating in the pilot program, and the program shall be administered by the  
17          department or another entity authorized to administer the programs under s. 49.163  
18          (4). The department of workforce development shall pay for the pilot program under  
19          this subsection from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (fc). The pilot program  
20          established under this subsection shall sunset on June 30, 2025.

21          (2) **PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.** The Wisconsin Housing  
22          and Economic Development Authority shall develop policies and procedures for and  
23          implement a 2-year pilot program that gives priority to individuals who are included  
24          in the category of homeless children and youths, as defined in 42 USC 11434a (2), and  
25          families with at least one individual included in that category on the waiting list that

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1 the authority, or a public housing agency that contracts with the authority,  
2 maintains for vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

3 (3) COMMUNITY ACTION OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM. During the 2023-25  
4 fiscal biennium, the department of health services shall award no more than a total  
5 of \$2,000,000 per fiscal year in grant moneys under s. 49.675.

6 (4) INTERNET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Using the procedure under s. 227.24, the  
7 department of children and families may promulgate the rules authorized under s.  
8 49.168 (2) as emergency rules. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the  
9 department of children and families is not required to provide evidence that  
10 promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to  
12 provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

13 (5) EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. The department of health services may  
14 develop a methodology to allocate moneys under s. 20.435 (7) (bt) across county  
15 programs.

**SECTION 70. Fiscal changes.**

16 (1) STATE SUPPLEMENT TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.  
17 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of  
18 workforce development under s. 20.445 (1) (cr), the dollar amount for fiscal year  
19 2023-24 is increased by \$799,400 for the purposes for which the appropriation is  
20 made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department  
21 of workforce development under s. 20.445 (1) (cr), the dollar amount for fiscal year  
22 2024-25 is increased by \$799,400 for the purposes for which the appropriation is  
23 made.  
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1           (2) GRANTS TO DEFRAY HOUSING COSTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
2           appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b), the dollar  
3           amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$220,000 for grants under s. 16.303  
4           (1) (a) to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing costs. In  
5           the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of  
6           administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is  
7           increased by \$220,000 for grants under s. 16.303 (1) (a) to persons or families of low  
8           or moderate income to defray housing costs.

9           (3) SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
10          appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the  
11          dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the purpose for  
12          which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
13          appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the  
14          dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the purpose for  
15          which the appropriation is made.

16          (4) EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE. In the schedule under s. 20.005  
17          (3) for the appropriation to the department of transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (bs),  
18          the dollar amounts for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 are increased by  
19          5 percent of the amount in the schedule for the appropriation to the department of  
20          transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (bs) for fiscal year 2022-23 to award grants to  
21          public and private organizations for the development and implementation of job  
22          access and employment transportation assistance programs.

23          (5) TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
24          appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),  
25          the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the

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1 Transitional Jobs program under s. 49.163 for programs outside of Milwaukee  
2 County. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department  
3 of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md), the dollar amount for fiscal year  
4 2024-25 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the Transitional Jobs program under s.  
5 49.163 for programs outside of Milwaukee County.

6 (6) CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
7 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),  
8 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$500,000 for the grant for  
9 civil legal services under s. 49.1635. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
10 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),  
11 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$500,000 for the grant for  
12 civil legal services under s. 49.1635.

13 (7) INTERNET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
14 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),  
15 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$10,000,000 for the Internet  
16 assistance program under s. 49.168. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
17 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),  
18 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$10,000,000 for the Internet  
19 assistance program under s. 49.168.

20 (8) SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTIES. In the schedule under  
21 s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of transportation under s.  
22 20.395 (1) (cr), the dollar amounts for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 are  
23 increased by 2 percent of the amount in the schedule for the appropriation to the  
24 department of transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (cr) for fiscal year 2022-23 for the  
25 purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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1 (9) SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)  
2 for the appropriation to the department of transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (cq), the  
3 dollar amounts for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 are increased by 2  
4 percent of the amount in the schedule for the appropriation to the department of  
5 transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (cq) for fiscal year 2022-23 for the purpose for  
6 which the appropriation is made.

7 (10) LEAD-SAFE HOMES PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
8 appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (1) (ef), the dollar  
9 amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$14,200,000 and the dollar amount  
10 for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$14,200,000 to provide lead abatement  
11 services through the Lead-Safe Homes Program.

12 (11) WINDOWS PLUS LEAD EXPOSURE PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005  
13 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (1) (ef),  
14 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$961,800 and the dollar  
15 amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$1,054,800 for the purpose of  
16 resuming the Windows Plus lead exposure program and increasing the authorized  
17 FTE positions for the department of health services by 1.0 GPR position, beginning  
18 in fiscal year 2023-24.

19 **SECTION 71. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
20 except as follows:

21 (1) The repeal of s. 20.445 (1) (fc) takes effect on June 30, 2025.

22 (END)