



1997 SENATE BILL 175

April 23, 1997 - Introduced by Senators WINEKE, SCHULTZ and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives BRANDEMUEHL, J. LEHMAN, BOCK, HANSON, URBAN, BOYLE, NOTESTEIN, POWERS, HASENOHRL, LORGE, SYKORA, R. YOUNG, SKINDRUD and WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Aging, Corrections, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 51.01 (5) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** specifying that
2 Prader-Willi syndrome is a developmental disability.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, counties are required to purchase or provide certain services to persons who have developmental disabilities. A developmental disability is a disability attributable to conditions such as brain injury or mental retardation. This bill specifies that Prader-Willi syndrome is a developmental disability. Characteristics of Prader-Willi syndrome include developmental delays and uncontrollable appetite.

For further information see the ***state and local*** 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 51.01 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 51.01 (5) (a) "Developmental disability" means a disability attributable to
5 brain injury, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, Prader-Willi syndrome, mental
6 retardation, or another neurological condition closely related to mental retardation

1 or requiring treatment similar to that required for mental retardation, which has
2 continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely and constitutes a substantial
3 handicap to the afflicted individual. "Developmental disability" does not include
4 senility which is primarily caused by the process of aging or the infirmities of aging.

5 (END)