## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 471

June 27, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Albers, Baldus, Duff, Ainsworth, Grothman, Kelso, Klusman, Seratti and Walker, cosponsored by Senators Darling and Rosenzweig, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

AN ACT *to amend* 20.435 (6) (dg) and 48.55 of the statutes; **relating to:** the adoption of children with special needs and making an appropriation.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law the department of health and social services (DHSS) may contract with individuals and private agencies for adoption information exchange services for the purpose of finding adoptive homes for children with special needs who do not have permanent homes. This bill permits DHSS to provide not more than \$75,000 in each fiscal year as grants to individuals and private agencies for adoption information exchange services.

Under current law, DHSS provides adoption services for children with special needs, that is, children for whom it is difficult to find an adoptive home, who do not have permanent homes. This bill requires DHSS to develop a plan by July 1, 1997, for contracting out the adoption services currently provided by DHSS for children with special needs.

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:

- 3 **Section 1.** 20.435 (6) (dg) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 20.435 (6) (dg) (title) State adoption information exchange and state adoption
- 5 center. The amounts in the schedule to operate a state adoption information
- 6 <u>exchange under s. 48.55 and a state</u> adoption center under s. 48.551.

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**Section 2.** 48.55 of the statutes is amended to read:

48.55 State adoption information exchange. The department shall establish a state adoption information exchange for the purpose of finding adoptive homes for children with special needs who do not have permanent homes. The department shall adopt rules governing the adoption information exchange, and may contract with and, from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (6) (dg), may provide not more than \$75,000 in each fiscal year as grants to individuals and private agencies for adoption information exchange services.

## SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions; health and social services.

(1) Special needs adoption. The department of health and social services shall develop a plan for contracting out the adoption services provided by that department for children with special needs who do not have permanent homes and shall, by July 1, 1997, submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the appropriate standing committees in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes and to the governor.

16 (END)