



## 1995 SENATE BILL 222

June 1, 1995 - Introduced by Senators LEEAN, ELLIS and RUDE, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

1     **AN ACT relating to:** studying the feasibility of contracting out the operation of  
2             the medical assistance program.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the department of health and social services (DHSS) to conduct a study of the feasibility of contracting out the operation of the medical assistance program. DHSS is required to report its findings to the governor and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature before July 1, 1996.

For further information see the *state* 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:*

### **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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4             (1) FEASIBILITY STUDY OF PRIVATIZING THE OPERATION OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
5             PROGRAM. The department of health and social services shall conduct a study of the  
6             feasibility of contracting out the entire operation of the medical assistance program  
7             under sections 49.45 to 49.47 and 49.49 to 49.497 of the statutes to a private vendor.  
8             The study shall consider the experience of other states that have contracted with  
9             health insurance organizations to operate their medical assistance programs.  
10            Before July 1, 1996, the department of health and social services shall report its

1 findings and recommendations regarding the feasibility of contracting out the  
2 operation of the medical assistance program to the appropriate standing committees  
3 of the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes and  
4 to the governor.

5 (END)