



1995 SENATE BILL 231

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 to amend** 20.435 (6) (dg) and 48.55 of the statutes; **relating to:** the
2 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 exchange under s. 48.55 and a state adoption center under s. 48.551.

