

## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 587

1     **AN ACT to amend** 48.57 (3m) (a) and 48.57 (3n) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             eligibility of second cousins for payments under the kinship care and long-term  
3             kinship care programs.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the American Indian study committee (AISC).

Under current law, if certain conditions are met, a county department of social services, a county department of human services or, in Milwaukee county, the department of health and family services, must make payments to certain relatives, other than a child's parents, who provide care and maintenance for the child (kinship care program and long-term kinship care program). For a description of the kinship care program and the long-term kinship care program, see memo no. 98-14 to the AISC, *Definition of "Relative" Under the Kinship Care Program and Long-Term Kinship Care Program; and Funding for Assessments Under the Kinship Care Program* (September 17, 1999).

Currently, for purposes of eligibility for payments under the kinship care and long-term kinship care programs, "kinship care relative" and "long-term kinship care relative" are defined to mean a stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, first cousin, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle or any person of a preceding generation as denoted by the prefix of grand, great or great-great, whether by consanguinity, direct affinity or legal adoption, or the spouse of any of these persons, even if the marriage is terminated by death or divorce.

