

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 722

February 8, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives WALKER, STASKUNAS and JENSEN, cosponsored by Senators GEORGE and HUELSMAN, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on Corrections and the Courts.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** probation, parole and extended supervision agent positions,
2 purchase of services for persons on probation and parole and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who is on probation, parole or extended supervision as the result of a criminal conviction is in the legal custody of the department of corrections (DOC) and is supervised by a probation, parole or extended supervision agent. This bill increases by 100 the number of authorized FTE positions of DOC, beginning July 1, 2000. The new positions must be used to supervise persons on probation or parole in Milwaukee County and to perform other functions relating to the supervision of persons on probation or parole in Milwaukee County.

Current law also provides that DOC may contract with public, private or voluntary agencies for the purchase of goods, care and services for persons on probation or parole. The services that DOC may contract for include diagnostic services, evaluation, treatment, counseling, referral and information, special education, vocational training, work adjustment, sheltered employment and special living arrangements. This bill provides DOC with an additional \$1,744,600 in fiscal year 2000–01 so that DOC can purchase goods, care and services for persons on probation or parole in Milwaukee County.

