

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

LRB-2939/1dn

TAY:wlj:hmh

April 19, 1999

Senator Risser:

Your aide, Leslie, asked me to delineate the items in this draft that are addressed in the 1999-2001 budget bill (budget bill).

1. Under the budget bill, child care is expanded to include care for disabled children up to age 18. I have included the same provision in this draft per Leslie's instructions.
2. The budget bill also increases the income eligibility for child care funding to 185% of the federal poverty line (up from 165% of the FPL). This bill increases the income eligibility to 85% of the state median income.
3. The budget reduces (and in some cases eliminates) the attachment to the workforce requirement for funding for child care needed in order to participate in certain education and training activities. This bill eliminates the requirement altogether.

In addition, the drafting instructions ask to specify that a parent of an infant be permitted (but not required) to participate in a W-2 employment position. It is unnecessary to specify that a parent with a child under the age of 12 months may participate in a W-2 employment position. Nothing in current law suggests that the parent of an infant is disqualified from participating in a W-2 employment position, only that the parent may not be compelled to participate in order to receive the cash assistance.

Tina A. Yacker
Legislative Attorney
Phone: (608) 261-6927
E-mail: Tina.Yacker@legis.state.wi.us