

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ISR:.....

Please review this bill carefully to make sure it achieves your intent. In particular, please note the following:

1. As we discussed, I have deleted the requirement that a W-2 contract contain provisions requiring a community steering committee to establish a transportation advisory committee and a W-2 agency to provide an accounting of money spent on transportation services. Instead, I have moved these requirements to section 49.157. This change ensures that the W-2 agencies must comply with these requirements before the next round of contracts become effective on January 1, 2002.

2. This bill does not specify when or how often the report on transportation expenses must be provided to DWD. Is this your intent?

3. I have also deleted the initial applicability provision for the treatment of section 49.1475. The initial applicability provision would not have required a W-2 agency to coordinate case management services with a job retention skills development program until January 1, 2002. If this was your intent, please contact me and I will redraft the initial applicability provision.

4. Finally, because federal TANF moneys are used to fund a portion of the job retention skills development program, the program must meet certain federal requirements. For example, federal law does not permit TANF moneys to be used for programs that provide job services to individuals who do not have a dependent child and do not qualify as "needy". The job retention skills development programs are available to any individual who is recently employed, regardless of whether the individual has a dependent child or his or her income is at or below 200% of the poverty level. You may want to include language that specifies that the program may only serve those individuals eligible to receive TANF to ensure that the program complies with the federal TANF requirements.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the bill.

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