DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

August 7, 2001

This redraft makes all of the following changes to the draft:

1. Defines "second-chance home" in s. 46.997 (1) (c) by a simple cross-reference to s. 48.625 (1m).

2. Requires the evaluation of the grant program under s. 46.997 (4) to be submitted by June 1 of the third calendar year beginning after the year in which the first grant is awarded. For example, if the first grant is awarded in 2001, the report would be due by June 1, 2004.

3. Limits CHIPS jurisdiction under s. 48.13 (9p) over the infant of a child custodial parent to infants whose parents *have been found*, and not merely been alleged, to be in need of protection or services.

4. Prohibits such an infant from being placed outside the home unless the infant's *custodial parent*, rather than any nonpetitioning parent, is represented by counsel under s. 48.23 (2) (b).

5. Permits DHFS to license a second-chance home under s. 48.625 (1m) to provide a safe and structured living environment for children 12 years of age or over who are court-ordered into the home *and for* children 14 years of age or over who are voluntarily placed in the home. In other words, both court-ordered and voluntary children may be placed in the same home.

Gordon M. Malaise Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266–9738 E-mail: gordon.malaise@legis.state.wi.us