

2007 SENATE BILL 183

May 14, 2007 – Introduced by Senators DARLING, ROESSLER, COWLES, A. LASEE, OLSEN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives STRACHOTA and ALBERS. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Insurance.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 49.665 (6); *to amend* 49.665 (6) (title); and *to create*
2 49.665 (6) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** percentages of group health
3 insurance plan costs paid by employers of Badger Care health care program
4 recipients and requiring a report.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a family may be eligible for coverage under the Badger Care health care program (BadgerCare) if, among other things, the family has access to coverage under a group health insurance plan offered by an employer for which the employer pays less than 80 percent of the cost, excluding any required deductibles or copayments.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), which administers BadgerCare, annually to determine, for BadgerCare recipients who have access to coverage under group health insurance plans offered by employers, the actual percentages of the insurance plan costs that are paid by the employers. DHFS must report its findings annually in a report to the Joint Committee on Finance and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.

