2007 SENATE BILL 505

February 19, 2008 – Introduced by Senators Lassa, Erpenbach, Hansen, Harsdorf, Miller, Robson, Roessler and Schultz, cosponsored by Representatives Ballweg, Albers, Berceau, Davis, Grigsby, Jeskewitz, Molepske, Seidel, Sheridan, Sinicki, Townsend, A. Williams and Zepnick. Referred to Committee on Tax Fairness and Family Prosperity.

1 AN ACT to create 20.437 (2) (fr), 49.265 (3) (b) 11. and 49.265 (4) (cm) of the

2 statutes; **relating to:** grants to community action agencies for skills

enhancement programs and making an appropriation.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a community action agency approved by the secretary of health and family services and by the legislative body of the local governmental unit serviced by the community action agency is required to develop and implement programs designed to serve persons whose income is at or below 125 percent of the poverty line. Those programs may include provisions that will help those persons, among other things, secure and retain employment, improve their education, and secure needed transportation.

This bill appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2008–09 to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and requires DCF to distribute, from that appropriation, grants to community action agencies to provide, to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week and whose earned income is at or below 150 percent of the poverty line, a program of skills enhancement that must include access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1	SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert		
2	the following amounts for the purposes indicated:		
3	2007-08 2008-09		
4	20.437 Children and families, department of		
5	(2) ECONOMIC SUPPORT		
6	(fr) Skills enhancement grants GPR A -0- 250,000		
7	SECTION 2. 20.437 (2) (fr) of the statutes is created to read:		
8	20.437 (2) (fr) Skills enhancement grants. The amounts in the schedule to		
9	provide skills enhancement grants under s. 49.265 (4) (cm).		
10	SECTION 3. 49.265 (3) (b) 11. of the statutes is created to read:		
11	49.265 (3) (b) 11. Provide, to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week		
12	and whose earned income is at or below 150 percent of the poverty line, a program		
13	of skills enhancement that shall include access to transportation, child care, career		
14	counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and		
15	training.		
16	SECTION 4. 49.265 (4) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:		
17	49.265 (4) (cm) From the appropriation under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the department		
18	of children and families shall distribute grants to community action agencies to		
19	provide the skills enhancement services specified under sub. (3) (b) 11.		
20	SECTION 2. Effective date.		

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- 1 (1) Skills enhancement grants. This act takes effect on July 1, 2008.
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