DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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I have amended s. 46.215 (1) (intro.), but there are potentially many duties under s. 46.215 (1) (a) to (s) that should be amended or repealed [see especially pars. (a), (b), (c), (g), (k), (L), and (p)]. Also, s. 46.215 (2) may need to be modified. Please advise what changes you need.

Other than the requirement for DCF to contract with DHS in proposed s. 49.825 (2) (b), this draft does not include any provisions addressing administration of the child care subsidy program under s. 49.155. I could include in this draft the same provisions related to local administration of s. 49.155 that are in the budget. I would modify those provisions to include DHS as one of the entities with which DCF may contract to determine eligibility under and administer that program. Currently in the budget, DCF may contract with any of the following to do that: a county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23; a Wisconsin Works agency; a child care resource and referral agency; or another agency. In the budget, there are also changes to the provisions related to certifying child care providers. I don't know if those changes would accomplish what DCF needs for this draft. Please advise. I will let you know if I receive different drafting instructions from DCF in the meantime.

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