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Child Care Amendments

Gordon and Pam,

Here's where we are for tomorrow.

We'll work from AB 462.

There will be a "super simple" and an amendment to the super simple for Rep. Grigsby.

The super simple will include the following:

AA 1

AA 2, as amended by LRB 0943/1 (appropriation fix)

LRB 1008/1 (five-year ineligibility)

LRB 1009/1 (allow counties to use recovered funds for any TANF-eligible purpose)

The amendment to the super simple will include the provisions of LRB 929/4 (fraud reporting requirement) redrafted to amend the super simple rather than AA 2.

Please send the stripes to me.

At the end of JFC, the Committee will vote to have all of its actions also apply to SB 331.

An outstanding question is whether JFC substitutes will be drafted to reflect all of these changes.

Is this correct Cindy and Carrie?

Thanks everyone.



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"and making an appropriation

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2. Page 1, line 12: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with page , ine , and substitute:

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"Section 37n. 49.197 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

49.197 **(6)** Reporting of suspected fraudulent activity. (a) 1. If any employee of the department, a county, or a tribal governing body reasonably suspects that fraudulent activity as described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b) has occurred or is occurring, the employee shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the employee's immediate supervisor.

- 2. An immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd. 1. shall immediately evaluate the report to determine whether there is reason to suspect that the fraudulent activity has occurred or is occurring. If the immediate supervisor determines that there is reason to suspect that the fraudulent activity has occurred or is occurring, the immediate supervisor shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the unit of the department that is responsible for investigating suspected fraudulent activity under sub. (1m). If the immediate supervisor is an employee of the department or of a county having a population of 145,000 or more, the immediate supervisor shall also immediately report those facts and circumstances to the sheriff.
- 3. Except as provided in subd. 2., an immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd. 1. shall keep the identity of the reporter confidential. A sheriff or unit of the department that receives a report under subd. 2. shall keep the identity of the employee reporting under subd. 1. and the immediate supervisor reporting under subd. 2. confidential until the sheriff or unit determines that the report merits further investigation. If the sheriff or unit conducts a full investigation, the sheriff or unit shall keep the identity of that employee and immediate supervisor confidential if it is reasonably possible to do so. Any person who fails to report as required in subd. 1. or 2. may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000.

- (b) Any person participating in good faith in the making of a report under par.

 (a) 1. or 2. or in initiating, participating in, or testifying in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity as described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b) is alleged shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that results by reason of the action. For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any person reporting under par. (a) 1. or 2. shall be presumed.
- (c) The department, a county, a tribal governing body, or an employee of the department, a county, or a tribal governing body may not take disciplinary action against, or threaten to take disciplinary action against, any person because the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b) was alleged or because the department, county, tribal governing body, or employee believes that the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, such an action or proceeding.
- (d) Any person who is subjected to disciplinary action, or who is threatened with disciplinary action, in violation of par. (c) may file a complaint with the department of workforce development under s. 106.54 (9). If that department finds that a violation of par. (c) has been committed, that department may take such action under s. 111.39 as will effectuate the purpose of this section. Section 111.322 (2m) applies to a disciplinary action arising in connection with any proceeding under this paragraph.

SECTION 37q. 49.845 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 49.845 (4) (a) 1. and amended to read:

49.845 (4) (a) 1. Notwithstanding s. 49.197 (1m) and (3), the department of children and families may contract with the department of health services to investigate suspected fraudulent activity on the part of recipients of aid to families with dependent children under s. 49.19 and participants in Wisconsin Works under ss. 49.141 to 49.161 and to conduct activities to reduce payment errors in Wisconsin Works under ss. 49.141 to 49.161, as provided in this section. If any employee of the department of health services reasonably suspects that fraudulent activity as described in this subdivision has occurred or is occurring, the employee shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the employee's immediate supervisor.

SECTION 37s. 49.895 (4) (a) 2. and 3. of the statutes are created to read:

49.895 (4) (a) 2. An immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd.

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3. Except as provided in subd. 2., an immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd. 1. shall keep the identity of the reporter confidential. A sheriff or unit of the department of health services that receives a report under subd. 2. shall keep the identity of the employee reporting under subd. 1. and the immediate supervisor reporting under subd. 2. confidential until the sheriff or unit determines that the report merits further investigation. If the sheriff or unit conducts a full

investigation, the sheriff or unit shall keep the identity of that employee and immediate supervisor confidential if it is reasonably possible to do so. Any person who fails to report as required in subd. 1. or 2. may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000.

SECTION 37t. 49.895 (4) (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

49.895 **(4)** (b) Any person participating in good faith in the making of a report under par. (a) 1. or 2. or in initiating, participating in, or testifying in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity as described in par. (a) 1. is alleged shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that results by reason of the action. For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any person reporting under par. (a) 1. or 2. shall be presumed.

- (c) The department of health services or an employee of that department may not take disciplinary action against, or threaten to take disciplinary action against, any person because the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity as described in par. (a) 1. was alleged or because that department or employee believes that the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, such an action or proceeding.
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1	applies to a disciplinary action arising in connection with any proceeding under this
2	paragraph.
3	SECTION 37v. 106.54 (9) of the statutes is created to read:
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5	(4) (d) and shall process the complaints in the same manner that employment
6	discrimination complaints are processed under s. 111.39.
7	SECTION 37x. 111.322 (2m) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:
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2. Page 6, line 10 delete the material beginning with that line and ending with page 9, line 10 and substitute:

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"Section 37n. 49.197 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

49.197 (6) REPORTING OF SUSPECTED FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY. (a) 1. If any employee of the department, a county, or a tribal governing body reasonably suspects that fraudulent activity as described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b) has occurred or is occurring, the employee shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the employee's immediate supervisor.

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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT, TO ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT (LRBa1019/1), TO 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 462

At the locations indicated, amend the amendment as follows:

1. Page 1, line 2: delete lines 2 to 4 and substitute:

"1d. Page 2, line 2: delete "and making an appropriation" and substitute "; requiring suspected fraudulent activity on the part of a recipient of public assistance or a participant in the Wisconsin Works Program, including a person receiving a child care subsidy under that program, to be reported to an immediate supervisor, to the sheriff, and to the departmental fraud investigation unit; ineligibility for a child care subsidy under Wisconsin Shares for a violation under the program; use of funds recovered for detecting fraud under Wisconsin Shares; making an appropriation; and providing a penalty"."

2. Page 6, line 19: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with page 9, line 15, and substitute:

"Section 37n. 49.197 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

49.197 (6) REPORTING OF SUSPECTED FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY. (a) 1. If any employee of the department, a county, or a tribal governing body reasonably suspects that fraudulent activity as described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b) has occurred or is occurring, the employee shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the employee's immediate supervisor.

- 2. An immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd. 1. shall immediately evaluate the report to determine whether there is reason to suspect that the fraudulent activity has occurred or is occurring. If the immediate supervisor determines that there is reason to suspect that the fraudulent activity has occurred or is occurring, the immediate supervisor shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the unit of the department that is responsible for investigating suspected fraudulent activity under sub. (1m). If the immediate supervisor is an employee of the department or of a county having a population of 145,000 or more, the immediate supervisor shall also immediately report those facts and circumstances to the sheriff.
- 3. Except as provided in subd. 2., an immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd. 1. shall keep the identity of the reporter confidential. A sheriff or unit of the department that receives a report under subd. 2. shall keep the identity of the employee reporting under subd. 1. and the immediate supervisor reporting under subd. 2. confidential until the sheriff or unit determines that the report merits further investigation. If the sheriff or unit conducts a full investigation, the sheriff or unit shall keep the identity of that employee and immediate supervisor confidential if it is reasonably possible to do so. Any person who fails to report as required in subd. 1. or 2. may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000.

- (b) Any person participating in good faith in the making of a report under par.

 (a) 1. or 2. or in initiating, participating in, or testifying in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity as described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b) is alleged shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that results by reason of the action. For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any person reporting under par. (a) 1. or 2. shall be presumed.
- (c) The department, a county, a tribal governing body, or an employee of the department, a county, or a tribal governing body may not take disciplinary action against, or threaten to take disciplinary action against, any person because the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b) was alleged or because the department, county, tribal governing body, or employee believes that the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, such an action or proceeding.
- (d) Any person who is subjected to disciplinary action, or who is threatened with disciplinary action, in violation of par. (c) may file a complaint with the department of workforce development under s. 106.54 (9). If that department finds that a violation of par. (c) has been committed, that department may take such action under s. 111.39 as will effectuate the purpose of this section. Section 111.322 (2m) applies to a disciplinary action arising in connection with any proceeding under this paragraph.

Section 37q. 49.845 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 49.845 (4) (a) 1. and amended to read:

49.845 (4) (a) 1. Notwithstanding s. 49.197 (1m) and (3), the department of children and families may contract with the department of health services to investigate suspected fraudulent activity on the part of recipients of aid to families with dependent children under s. 49.19 and participants in Wisconsin Works under ss. 49.141 to 49.161 and to conduct activities to reduce payment errors in Wisconsin Works under ss. 49.141 to 49.161, as provided in this section. If any employee of the department of health services reasonably suspects that fraudulent activity as described in this subdivision has occurred or is occurring, the employee shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the employee's immediate supervisor.

Section 37s. 49.895 (4) (a) 2. and 3. of the statutes are created to read:

49.895 (4) (a) 2. An immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd.

1. shall immediately evaluate the report to determine whether there is reason to suspect that the fraudulent activity has occurred or is occurring. If the immediate supervisor determines that there is reason to suspect that the fraudulent activity has occurred or is occurring, the immediate supervisor shall immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the sheriff and to the unit of the department of health services that is responsible for investigating suspected fraudulent activity as described in subd. 1.

3. Except as provided in subd. 2., an immediate supervisor who receives a report under subd. 1. shall keep the identity of the reporter confidential. A sheriff or unit of the department of health services that receives a report under subd. 2. shall keep the identity of the employee reporting under subd. 1. and the immediate supervisor reporting under subd. 2. confidential until the sheriff or unit determines that the report merits further investigation. If the sheriff or unit conducts a full

investigation, the sheriff or unit shall keep the identity of that employee and immediate supervisor confidential if it is reasonably possible to do so. Any person who fails to report as required in subd. 1. or 2. may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000.

SECTION 37t. 49.895 (4) (b), (c) and (d) of the statutes are created to read:

49.895 (4) (b) Any person participating in good faith in the making of a report under par. (a) 1. or 2. or in initiating, participating in, or testifying in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity as described in par. (a) 1. is alleged shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that results by reason of the action. For the purpose of any proceeding, civil or criminal, the good faith of any person reporting under par. (a) 1. or 2. shall be presumed.

- (c) The department of health services or an employee of that department may not take disciplinary action against, or threaten to take disciplinary action against, any person because the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, any action or proceeding in which fraudulent activity as described in par. (a) 1. was alleged or because that department or employee believes that the person in good faith reported any information under par. (a) 1. or 2. or initiated, participated in, or testified in, such an action or proceeding.
- (d) Any person who is subjected to disciplinary action, or who is threatened with disciplinary action, in violation of par. (c) may file a complaint with the department of workforce development under s. 106.54 (9). If that department finds that a violation of par. (c) has been committed, that department may take such action under s. 111.39 as will effectuate the purpose of this section. Section 111.322 (2m)

1	applies to a disciplinary action arising in connection with any proceeding under this
2	paragraph.
3	Section 37v. 106.54 (9) of the statutes is created to read:
4	106.54(9) The division shall receive complaints under s. $49.197(6)(d)$ or 49.845
5	(4) (d) and shall process the complaints in the same manner that employment
6	discrimination complaints are processed under s. 111.39.
7	Section 37x. 111.322 (2m) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:
8	111.322 (2m) (bm) The individual files a complaint or attempts to enforce a
9	right under s. 49.197 (6) (d) or 49.845 (4) (d) or testifies or assists in any action or
10	proceeding under s. 49.197 (6) (d) or 49.845 (4) (d).".".
11	(END)