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 Appendix A ... Part 06 of 09


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**2009 LRB-3596** (For: Rep. Gundrum)

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1 AN ACT *to renumber* 49.133 (3), 49.133 (4) and 120.13 (14); *to renumber and*  
2 *amend* 49.133 (intro.), 49.133 (1) and 49.133 (2); *to amend* 20.435 (6) (jm),  
3 48.685 (1) (c) 4., 48.685 (2) (am) (intro.), 48.685 (2) (am) 5., 48.685 (2) (b) 4.,  
4 48.685 (2) (bb), 48.685 (2) (bd), 48.685 (2) (bg), 48.685 (2) (bm), 48.685 (3) (a),  
5 48.685 (3) (b), 48.685 (3m), 48.685 (4m) (a) 1., 48.685 (4m) (ad), 48.685 (4m) (b)  
6 1., 48.685 (5) (a), 48.685 (5c) (a), 48.685 (6) (am), 48.685 (6) (b) 2., 48.685 (8) and  
7 49.845 (4); *to repeal and recreate* 48.685 (4m) (ad) and 49.155 (7); and *to*  
8 *create* 48.651 (3), 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., 48.685 (2) (ar), 48.685 (2) (b) 2., 48.685 (3)  
9 (am), 48.685 (3) (bm), 48.685 (5) (br), 48.715 (4g), 49.133 (1m) (a), 49.133 (1m)  
10 (c), 49.133 (1m) (d), 49.133 (2m) (intro.), 49.197 (6) and 120.13 (14) (b) of the  
11 statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting a person who has been convicted or  
12 adjudicated delinquent for committing certain serious crimes, who is the  
13 subject of a pending criminal charge or delinquency petition for committing a  
14 serious crime, or who has had entered against him or her a domestic abuse,

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1 child abuse, individual-at-risk abuse, or harassment temporary restraining  
2 order or injunction in the preceding 15 years from being licensed, certified, or  
3 contracted with to provide child care, from being employed or contracted as a  
4 caregiver of a child care provider, or from being permitted to reside at a  
5 premises where child care is provided; requiring suspected fraudulent activity  
6 on the part of a participant in the Wisconsin Works Program, including a person  
7 receiving a child care subsidy under that program, to be reported to the  
8 appropriate law enforcement authorities; making an appropriation; and  
9 providing a penalty.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) may not license a person to operate a day care center; DCF in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department of human services or social services (county department), or an agency contracted by DCF to certify day care providers for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works Program (contracted agency) may not certify a day care provider for those purposes; and a school board may not contract with a person to provide a day care program (collectively "child care provider") if the person has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent on or after his or her 12th birthday for committing a serious crime, as defined under current law, unless the person shows that he or she has been rehabilitated.

Similarly, a child care provider may not employ or contract with a caregiver or permit a nonclient resident to reside at a premises where child care is provided if the caregiver or nonclient resident has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent on or after his or her 12th birthday for committing a serious crime, as defined under current law, unless the caregiver or nonclient resident shows that he or she has been rehabilitated. Currently, "serious crime" is defined to include certain crimes against life or bodily security and certain crimes against children that are felonies.

This bill prohibits any person who has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent on or after his or her 12th birthday for committing any of the following serious crimes or who is the subject of a pending criminal charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person has committed any of the following serious crimes on or after his or her 12th birthday from being licensed, certified, or contracted with to provide child care, from being employed or contracted as a caregiver of a child care provider, or from being permitted to be a nonclient resident of a premises where child care is provided and prohibits such a person from showing that he or she has been rehabilitated:

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1. Any crime against children, other than failure to pay child support or hazing.
2. Felony battery, if the victim is the spouse of the person.
3. First-degree or second-degree intentional or reckless homicide, felony murder, mayhem, felony sexual assault, reckless injury, taking hostages, kidnapping, felony endangering safety by use of a dangerous weapon, disarming a police officer, armed burglary, carjacking, or armed robbery.
4. A misdemeanor involving sexual abuse, child abuse, or domestic abuse, if the person has ever been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any felony.
5. Any drug or alcohol-related felony, felony battery, sexual exploitation by a therapist, abuse of an adult-at-risk, abuse or neglect of a patient, video voyeurism, felony failure to pay child support, or felony hazing, if the person has ever been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any other crime.
6. Any drug or alcohol-related felony, felony battery, sexual exploitation by a therapist, abuse of an adult-at-risk, abuse or neglect of a patient, video voyeurism, felony failure to pay child support, or felony hazing, if the person has never been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any other crime and the person completed his or her sentence, including any probation, parole, or extended supervision, or was discharged by the Department of Corrections (DOC), less than ten years before the date of the background investigation of the person.
7. A misdemeanor involving sexual abuse, child abuse, or domestic abuse, if the person has never been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony, but has ever been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any other misdemeanor, and the person completed his or her sentence, including any probation, parole, or extended supervision, or was discharged by the DOC, less than ten years before the date of the background investigation of the person.
8. A misdemeanor involving sexual abuse, child abuse, or domestic abuse, if the person has never been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any other misdemeanor, and the person completed his or her sentence, including any probation, parole, or extended supervision, or was discharged by the DOC, less than five years before the date of the background investigation of the person.

The bill also prohibits a person who has had entered against him or her a domestic abuse, child abuse, individual-at-risk abuse, or harassment temporary restraining order or injunction (TRO or injunction) in the 15 years preceding the background investigation of the person from being licensed, certified, or contracted with to provide child care, from being employed or contracted as a caregiver of a child care provider, or from being permitted to be a nonclient resident of a premises where child care is provided, but permits such a person to show that he or she has been rehabilitated.

Current law requires DCF, a county department, a contracting agency, or a school board, prior to licensing, certifying, or contracting with a child care provider and every four years after that, to conduct a criminal history search of the child care provider, of all nonclient residents of the premises where the child care is provided, and of all persons under 18 years of age who are caregivers of the child care provider and to obtain certain other information with respect to those individuals, specifically: 1) information from the client abuse registry maintained by the

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Department of Health Services (DHS); 2) information maintained by the Department of Regulation and Licensing regarding the individual's credentials; 3) information maintained by DCF regarding any substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect against the individual; and 4) information maintained by DHS regarding any denial of a license, certification, or contract to provide child care, of employment as a caregiver of a child care provider, or of permission to reside at a premises where child care is provided. Similarly, current law also requires a child care provider to conduct such a criminal history search and to obtain that information with respect to a caregiver 18 years of age or over prior to employing or contracting with the caregiver and every four years after that.

This bill requires DCF, a county department, a contracting agency, or a school board to conduct that criminal history search and to obtain that information every six months after a child care provider is licensed, certified, or contracted with and requires a child care provider to conduct that criminal history search and to obtain that information every six months after a caregiver 18 years of age or over is employed or contracted with. In addition, the bill requires DCF, a county department, a contracting agency, or a school board, prior to licensing, certifying, or contracting with a child care provider and every 90 days after that, to obtain information that is contained in the circuit court automated information system regarding any pending criminal charge or delinquency petition alleging that a child care provider, a nonclient resident of the premises where the child care is provided, or a person under 18 years of age who is a caregiver of the child care provider has committed a serious crime and regarding any TRO or injunction entered against such a provider, nonclient resident, or caregiver, and requires a child care provider to obtain that information with respect to a caregiver 18 years of age or over prior to employing or contracting with the caregiver and every 90 days after that.

Under current law, DCF *may* revoke the license of a person to operate a day care center if the licensee or a person under the supervision of the licensee commits certain actions, including a repeated or substantial violation of a rule or order of DCF or of a condition of licensure or an action that directly threatens the health, safety, or welfare of any child under the care of the licensee. Similarly, under current law, DCF or a county department *may* refuse to pay a child care provider for child care provided under the Wisconsin Works Program if the child care provider, an employee of the child care provider, or a person living on the premises where child care is provided is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor that substantially relates to the care of children, is the subject of a pending charge that substantiality relates to the care of children, or has been determined to have abused or neglected a child.

This bill *requires* all of the following:

1. DCF to revoke the license of a day care center; DCF in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department, or a contracted agency to revoke the certification of a day care provider for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works Program; and a school board to rescind the contract of the person to operate a day care program; if the person licensed to operate the day care center, the person certified as a child care provider, or the person contracting to provide the day care program is convicted of a serious crime or if a caregiver or nonclient resident

*that is contained in the offender registry maintained by the DOC and information*

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of the day care center, child care provider, or day care program is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday. The bill also requires DCF or a county department to refuse to pay a child care provider in those circumstances or if the child care provider has been convicted of a crime involving financial dishonesty beginning on the date of the conviction or delinquency adjudication.

2. DCF to immediately suspend the license of a day care center; DCF in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department, or a contracted agency to immediately suspend the certification of a day care provider for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works Program; and a school board to immediately suspend the contract of a person to operate a day care program; if the person licensed to operate the day care center, the person certified as a child care provider, or the person contracting to provide the day care program is the subject of a pending criminal charge alleging that the person has committed a serious crime or if a caregiver or nonclient resident of the day care center, child care provider, or day care program is the subject of a pending charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person has committed a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday. The bill also requires DCF or a county department to immediately suspend payment to a child care provider for any child care provided under the Wisconsin Works Program in those circumstances or if the child care provider is the subject of a pending criminal charge alleging that he or she has committed a crime involving financial dishonesty until DCF or the county department obtains information regarding the final disposition of the charge or delinquency proceeding indicating that the person is not ineligible to receive such a payment.

3. DCF to investigate the circumstances giving rise to a TRO or injunction entered against a day care center; DCF in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department, or a contracted agency to investigate the circumstances giving rise to a TRO or injunction entered against a day care provider who is certified for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works Program; and a school board to investigate the circumstances giving rise to a TRO or injunction entered against a person contracted to operate a day care program. DCF, the county department, the agency, or the school board may then suspend or revoke the license, certification, or contract, depending on the gravity of those circumstances. DCF or a county department may also suspend or discontinue payment to a child care provider for any child care provided under the Wisconsin Works Program in those circumstances, depending on the gravity of those circumstances.

Finally, the bill requires any employee of DCF, DHS, a county, or a tribal governing body who reasonably suspects fraudulent activity on the part of a participant in the Wisconsin Works Program, including a person receiving a child care subsidy under that program, to immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the district attorney. Any person who fails to report as required under the bill may be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than six months or both.

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of the day care center, child care provider, or day care program is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday. The bill also requires DCF or a county department to refuse to pay a child care provider in those circumstances or if the child care provider has been convicted of a crime involving financial dishonesty beginning on the date of the conviction or delinquency adjudication.

2. DCF to immediately suspend the license of a day care center; DCF in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department, or a contracted agency to immediately suspend the certification of a day care provider for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works Program; and a school board to immediately suspend the contract of a person to operate a day care program; if the person licensed to operate the day care center, the person certified as a child care provider, or the person contracting to provide the day care program is the subject of a pending criminal charge alleging that the person has committed a serious crime or if a caregiver or nonclient resident of the day care center, child care provider, or day care program is the subject of a pending charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person has committed a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday. The bill also requires DCF or a county department to immediately suspend payment to a child care provider for any child care provided under the Wisconsin Works Program in those circumstances or if the child care provider is the subject of a pending criminal charge alleging that he or she has committed a crime involving financial dishonesty until DCF or the county department obtains information regarding the final disposition of the charge or delinquency proceeding indicating that the person is not ineligible to receive such a payment.

3. DCF to investigate the circumstances giving rise to a TRO or injunction entered against a day care center; DCF in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department, or a contracted agency to investigate the circumstances giving rise to a TRO or injunction entered against a day care provider who is certified for purposes of reimbursement under the Wisconsin Works Program; and a school board to investigate the circumstances giving rise to a TRO or injunction entered against a person contracted to operate a day care program. DCF, the county department, the agency, or the school board may then suspend or revoke the license, certification, or contract, depending on the gravity of those circumstances. DCF or a county department may also suspend or discontinue payment to a child care provider for any child care provided under the Wisconsin Works Program in those circumstances, depending on the gravity of those circumstances.

Finally, the bill requires any employee of DCF, DHS, a county, or a tribal governing body who reasonably suspects fraudulent activity on the part of a participant in the Wisconsin Works Program, including a person receiving a child care subsidy under that program, to report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the district attorney, the sheriff, or the city, village, or town police department. Any person who intentionally fails to report as required under the bill may be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than six months or both.

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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.** 20.435 (6) (jm) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act  
2 28, is amended to read:

3           20.435 (6) (jm) *Licensing and support services.* The amounts in the schedule  
4 for the purposes specified in ss. 48.685 (2) (am), ~~(ar)~~, and (b) 1., (3) (a), ~~(am)~~, and (b),  
5 and (5) (a), 49.45 (47), 50.02 (2), 50.025, 50.031, 50.065 (2) (am) and (b) 1., (3) (a) and  
6 (b), and (5), 50.13, 50.135, 50.36 (2), 50.49 (2) (b), 50.495, 50.52 (2) (a), 50.57, 50.981,  
7 and 146.40 (4r) (b) and (er), and subch. IV of ch. 50 and to conduct health facilities  
8 plan and rule development activities, for accrediting nursing homes, convalescent  
9 homes, and homes for the aged, to conduct capital construction and remodeling plan  
10 reviews under ss. 50.02 (2) (b) and 50.36 (2), and for the costs of inspecting, licensing  
11 or certifying, and approving facilities, issuing permits, and providing technical  
12 assistance, that are not specified under any other paragraph in this subsection. All  
13 moneys received under ss. 48.685 (8), 49.45 (42) (c), 49.45 (47) (c), 50.02 (2), 50.025,  
14 50.031 (6), 50.065 (8), 50.13, 50.36 (2), 50.49 (2) (b), 50.495, 50.52 (2) (a), 50.57, 50.93  
15 (1) (c), and 50.981, all moneys received from fees for the costs of inspecting, licensing  
16 or certifying, and approving facilities, issuing permits, and providing technical  
17 assistance, that are not specified under any other paragraph in this subsection, and  
18 all moneys received under s. 50.135 (2) shall be credited to this appropriation  
19 account.

20           **SECTION 2.** 48.651 (3) of the statutes is created to read:



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1           48.651 (3) (a) If a day care provider certified under sub. (1) is convicted of a  
2 serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or if a caregiver specified in s. 48.685  
3 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day care  
4 provider is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a serious crime on or  
5 after his or her 12th birthday, the department in a county having a population of  
6 500,000 or more, a county department, or an agency contracted with under sub. (2)  
7 shall revoke the certification of the day care provider immediately upon providing  
8 written notice of revocation and the grounds for revocation and an explanation of the  
9 process for appealing the revocation.

10           (b) If a day care provider certified under sub. (1) is the subject of a pending  
11 criminal charge alleging that the person has committed a serious crime, as defined  
12 in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or if a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient  
13 resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day care provider is the subject of a  
14 pending criminal charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person has  
15 committed a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday, the department in a  
16 county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department, or an agency  
17 contracted with under sub. (2) shall immediately suspend the certification of the day  
18 care provider until the department, county department, or agency obtains  
19 information regarding the final disposition of the charge or delinquency petition  
20 indicating that the person is not ineligible to be certified under sub. (1).

21           (c) If a day care provider certified under sub. (1) or a caregiver specified in s.  
22 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day  
23 care provider has entered against him or her a temporary restraining order or  
24 injunction under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123, 813.125, 813.127, or 813.128, the  
25 department in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, a county

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1 department, or an agency contracted with under sub. (2) shall investigate the  
2 circumstances giving rise to the temporary restraining order or injunction and may  
3 suspend or revoke the certification of the day care provider, depending on the gravity  
4 of those circumstances, as determined by the department, county department, or  
5 agency.

6 **SECTION 3.** 48.685 (1) (c) 3m. of the statutes is created to read:

7 48.685 (1) (c) 3m. For purposes of licensing a person to operate a day care center  
8 under s. 48.65, certifying a day care provider under s. 48.651, or contracting with a  
9 person under s. 120.13 (14) to operate a day care center, or of permitting a person to  
10 be a caregiver or nonclient resident of such a day care center or day care provider,  
11 any violation listed in subds. 1. to 3. or sub. (5) (br) 1. to 8.

12 **SECTION 4.** 48.685 (1) (c) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 48.685 (1) (c) 4. A violation of the law of any other state or United States  
14 jurisdiction that would be a violation listed in subd. 1., 2., ~~or 3.~~ or 3m. if committed  
15 in this state.

16 **SECTION 5.** 48.685 (2) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 48.685 (2) (am) (intro.) The department, a county department, an agency  
18 contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), a child welfare agency, or a school board shall  
19 obtain all of the following with respect to a caregiver specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1. b.,  
20 a nonclient resident of an entity, and a person under 18 years of age, but not under  
21 12 years of age, who is a caregiver of a day care center that is licensed under s. 48.65  
22 or established or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14) or of a day care provider that is  
23 certified under s. 48.651:

24 **SECTION 6.** 48.685 (2) (am) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           48.685 (2) (am) 5. Information maintained by the department of health services  
 2 under this section and under ss. 48.651 (2m), 48.75 (1m), and 120.13 (14) regarding  
 3 any denial to the person of a license, continuation or renewal of a license,  
 4 certification, or a contract to operate an entity for a reason specified in sub. (4m) (a)  
 5 1. to 5. and regarding any denial to the person of employment at, a contract with, or  
 6 permission to reside at an entity for a reason specified in sub. (4m) (b) 1. to 5. If the  
 7 information obtained under this subdivision indicates that the person has been  
 8 denied a license, continuation or renewal of a license, certification, a contract,  
 9 employment, or permission to reside as described in this subdivision, the  
 10 department, a county department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), a  
 11 child welfare agency, or a school board need not obtain the information specified in  
 12 subds. 1. to 4.

13           **SECTION 7.** 48.685 (2) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

14           48.685 (2) (ar) In addition to obtaining the information specified in par. (am)  
 15 with respect to a person who has, or is seeking, a license to operate a day care center  
 16 under s. 48.65, certification as a day care provider under s. 48.651, or a contract  
 17 under s. 120.13 (14) to operate a day care center, a nonclient resident of such an  
 18 entity, or a person under 18 years of age, but not under 12 years of age, who is a  
 19 caregiver of such an entity, the department, a county department, an agency  
 20 contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), or a school board shall obtain information that  
 21 is contained in the circuit court automated information system under s. 758.19 (4)  
 22 regarding any pending criminal charge or delinquency petition alleging that the  
 23 person has committed a serious crime and any temporary restraining order or  
 24 injunction under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123, 813.125, or 813.127 entered against the  
 25 person. ✓

*that is contained in the 30X  
 offender  
 offender registry ✓ under s. 301.45  
 and information. ✓*

*that is contained in the sex offender registry under s. 301.45*

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1           **SECTION 8.** 48.685 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

2           48.685 (2) (b) 2. In addition to obtaining the information specified in subd. 1.  
3 with respect to a caregiver specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1. a. of a day care center that is  
4 licensed under s. 48.65 or established or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14) or of a  
5 day care provider that is certified under s. 48.651, the day care center or day care  
6 provider shall obtain information that is contained in the circuit court automated  
7 information system under s. 758.19 (4) regarding any pending criminal charge  
8 alleging that the person has committed a serious crime and any temporary  
9 restraining order or injunction under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123, 813.125, or  
10 813.127 entered against the person. ✓

11           **SECTION 9.** 48.685 (2) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

12           48.685 (2) (b) 4. ~~Subdivision 1. does~~ Subdivisions 1. and 2. do not apply with  
13 respect to a nonclient resident or person under 18 years of age, but not under 12 years  
14 of age, who is a caregiver ~~or nonclient resident~~ of a day care center that is licensed  
15 under s. 48.65 or established or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14) or of a day care  
16 provider that is certified under s. 48.651 and with respect to whom the department,  
17 a county department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), or a school board  
18 is required under par. (am) (intro.) to obtain the information specified in par. (am)  
19 1. to 5.

20           **SECTION 10.** 48.685 (2) (bb) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           48.685 (2) (bb) If information obtained under par. (am) or (b) 1. indicates a  
22 charge of a serious crime, but does not completely and clearly indicate the final  
23 disposition of the charge, the department, county department, agency contracted  
24 with under s. 48.651 (2), child welfare agency, school board, or entity shall make  
25 every reasonable effort to contact the clerk of courts to determine the final disposition

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1 of the charge. If a background information form under sub. (6) (a) or (am) indicates  
2 a charge or a conviction of a serious crime, but information obtained under par. (am)  
3 or (b) 1. does not indicate such a charge or conviction, the department, county  
4 department, agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), child welfare agency, school  
5 board, or entity shall make every reasonable effort to contact the clerk of courts to  
6 obtain a copy of the criminal complaint and the final disposition of the complaint.  
7 If information obtained under par. (am) or (b) 1., a background information form  
8 under sub. (6) (a) or (am), or any other information indicates a conviction of a  
9 violation of s. 940.19 (1), 940.195, 940.20, 941.30, 942.08, 947.01, or 947.013 obtained  
10 not more than 5 years before the date on which that information was obtained, the  
11 department, county department, agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), child  
12 welfare agency, school board, or entity shall make every reasonable effort to contact  
13 the clerk of courts to obtain a copy of the criminal complaint and judgment of  
14 conviction relating to that violation.

15 **SECTION 11.** 48.685 (2) (bd) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 48.685 (2) (bd) Notwithstanding pars. (am) and (b) 1., the department, a county  
17 department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), a child welfare agency,  
18 or a school board is not required to obtain the information specified in par. (am) 1.  
19 to 5., and an entity is not required to obtain the information specified in par. (b) 1.  
20 a. to e., with respect to a person under 18 years of age whose background information  
21 form under sub. (6) (am) indicates that the person is not ineligible to be employed,  
22 contracted with, or permitted to reside at an entity for a reason specified in sub. (4m)  
23 (b) 1. to 5. and with respect to whom the department, county department, contracted  
24 agency, child welfare agency, school board, or entity otherwise has no reason to  
25 believe that the person is ineligible to be employed, contracted with, or permitted to

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1 reside at an entity for any of those reasons. This paragraph does not preclude the  
2 department, a county department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), a  
3 child welfare agency, or a school board from obtaining, at its discretion, the  
4 information specified in par. (am) 1. to 5. with respect to a person described in this  
5 paragraph who is a nonclient resident or a prospective nonclient resident of an entity.

6 **SECTION 12.** 48.685 (2) (bg) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 48.685 (2) (bg) If an entity employs or contracts with a caregiver for whom,  
8 within the last ~~4 years~~ 90 days, the information required under par. (b) 1. a. to c. and  
9 e. has already been obtained by another entity, the entity may obtain that  
10 information from that other entity, which shall provide the information, if possible,  
11 to the requesting entity. If an entity cannot obtain the information required under  
12 par. (b) 1. a. to c. and e. from another entity or if an entity has reasonable grounds  
13 to believe that any information obtained from another entity is no longer accurate,  
14 the entity shall obtain that information from the sources specified in par. (b) 1. a. to  
15 c. and e.

16 **SECTION 13.** 48.685 (2) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 48.685 (2) (bm) If the person who is the subject of the search under par. (am),  
18 (ar), or (b) 1. is not a resident of this state, or if at any time within the 3 years  
19 preceding the date of the search that person has not been a resident of this state, or  
20 if the department, county department, agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2),  
21 child welfare agency, school board, or entity determines that the person's  
22 employment, licensing, or state court records provide a reasonable basis for further  
23 investigation, the department, county department, contracted agency, child welfare  
24 agency, school board, or entity shall make a good faith effort to obtain from any state  
25 or other United States jurisdiction in which the person is a resident or was a resident

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1 within the 3 years preceding the date of the search information that is equivalent to  
2 the information specified in par. (am) 1., ~~(ar)~~, or (b) 1. a. The department, county  
3 department, contracted agency, child welfare agency, school board, or entity may  
4 require the person to be fingerprinted on 2 fingerprint cards, each bearing a complete  
5 set of the person's fingerprints. The department of justice may provide for the  
6 submission of the fingerprint cards to the federal bureau of investigation for the  
7 purposes of verifying the identity of the person fingerprinted and obtaining records  
8 of his or her criminal arrests and convictions.

9 **SECTION 14.** 48.685 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 48.685 (3) (a) ~~Every Subject to par. (am), every~~ 4 years or at any time within  
11 that period that the department, a county department, an agency contracted with  
12 under s. 48.651 (2), a child welfare agency, or a school board considers appropriate,  
13 the department, county department, contracted agency, child welfare agency, or  
14 school board shall request the information specified in sub. (2) (am) 1. to 5. for all  
15 caregivers specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1. b. who are licensed, certified, or contracted to  
16 operate an entity, and for all persons who are nonclient residents of such a caregiver,  
17 ~~and for all persons under 18 years of age, but not under 12 years of age, who are~~  
18 ~~caregivers of a day care center that is licensed under s. 48.65 or established or~~  
19 ~~contracted for under s. 120.13 (14) or of a day care provider that is certified under s.~~  
20 ~~48.651.~~

21 **SECTION 15.** 48.685 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

22 48.685 (3) (am) Every 90 days or at any time within that period that the  
23 department, a county department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), or  
24 a school board considers appropriate, the department, county department,  
25 contracted agency, or school board shall request the information specified in sub. (2)

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1 (am) 1. and (ar) for all caregivers specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1. b. who are licensed under  
2 s. 48.65 to operate a day care center, certified as a day care provider under s. 48.651,  
3 or contracted under s. 120.13 (14) to operate a day care center for all persons who are  
4 nonclient residents of such a caregiver, and for all persons under 18 years of age, but  
5 not under 12 years of age, who are caregivers specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1. a. of such  
6 a caregiver.

7 **SECTION 16.** 48.685 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 48.685 (3) (b) ~~Every Subject to par. (bm), every~~ 4 years or at any time within  
9 that period that an entity considers appropriate, the entity shall request the  
10 information specified in sub. (2) (b) 1. a. to e. for all persons who are caregivers  
11 specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1. a. of the entity ~~other than persons under 18 years of age,~~  
12 ~~but not under 12 years of age, who are caregivers of a day care center that is licensed~~  
13 ~~under s. 48.65 or established or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14) or of a day care~~  
14 ~~provider that is certified under s. 48.651.~~

15 **SECTION 17.** 48.685 (3) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

16 48.685 (3) (bm) Every 90 days or at any time within that period that a day care  
17 center that is licensed under s. 48.65 or established or contracted for under s. 120.13  
18 (14) or a day care provider that is certified under s. 48.651 considers appropriate, the  
19 day care center or day care provider shall request the information specified in sub.  
20 (2) (b) 1. a. to e. and 2. for all persons who are caregivers specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1.  
21 a. of the day care center or day care provider other than persons under 18 years of  
22 age, but not under 12 years of age.

23 **SECTION 18.** 48.685 (3m) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 48.685 (3m) Notwithstanding subs. (2) (b) 1. and (3) (b), if the department, a  
25 county department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), a child welfare



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1 agency, or a school board has obtained the information required under sub. (2) (am)  
2 or (3) (a) or (am) with respect to a person who is a caregiver specified in sub. (1) (ag)  
3 1. b. and that person is also an employee, contractor, or nonclient resident of an  
4 entity, the entity is not required to obtain the information specified in sub. (2) (b) 1.  
5 or (3) (b) with respect to that person.

6 **SECTION 19.** 48.685 (4m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 48.685 (4m) (a) 1. That the person has been convicted of a serious crime or, if  
8 the person is an applicant for issuance or continuation of a license to operate a day  
9 care center or for initial certification under s. 48.651 or for renewal of that  
10 certification or if the person is proposing to contract with a school board under s.  
11 120.13 (14) or to renew a contract under that subsection, that the person has been  
12 convicted of a serious crime or adjudicated delinquent on or after his or her 12th  
13 birthday for committing a serious crime; that the person is the subject of a pending  
14 criminal charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person has committed a  
15 serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday; or that the person has had a  
16 temporary restraining order or injunction under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123,  
17 813.125, 813.127, or 813.128 entered against him or her not more than 15 years  
18 before the date of the investigation under sub. (2) (ar).

19 **SECTION 20.** 48.685 (4m) (ad) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act  
20 28, section 1073d, is amended to read:

21 48.685 (4m) (ad) The department, a county department, or a child welfare  
22 agency may license a foster home or treatment foster home under s. 48.62; the  
23 department may license a day care center under s. 48.65; the department in a county  
24 having a population of 500,000 or more, a county department, or an agency  
25 contracted with under s. 48.651 (2) may certify a day care provider under s. 48.651;;

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1 and a school board may contract with a person under s. 120.13 (14), conditioned on  
2 the receipt of the information specified in sub. (2) (am) and (ar) indicating that the  
3 person is not ineligible to be licensed, certified, or contracted with for a reason  
4 specified in par. (a) 1. to 5.

5 **SECTION 21.** 48.685 (4m) (ad) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act  
6 28, section 1074d, and 2009 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to  
7 read:

8 48.685 (4m) (ad) The department, a county department, or a child welfare  
9 agency may license a foster home under s. 48.62; the department may license a day  
10 care center under s. 48.65; the department in a county having a population of 500,000  
11 or more, a county department, or an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2) may  
12 certify a day care provider under s. 48.651; and a school board may contract with a  
13 person under s. 120.13 (14), conditioned on the receipt of the information specified  
14 in sub. (2) (am) and (ar) indicating that the person is not ineligible to be licensed,  
15 certified, or contracted with for a reason specified in par. (a) 1. to 5.

16 **SECTION 22.** 48.685 (4m) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 48.685 (4m) (b) 1. That the person has been convicted of a serious crime or, if  
18 the person is a caregiver or nonclient resident of a day care center that is licensed  
19 under s. 48.65 or established or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14) or of a day care  
20 provider that is certified under s. 48.651, that the person has been convicted of a  
21 serious crime or adjudicated delinquent on or after his or her 12th birthday for  
22 committing a serious crime; that the person is the subject of a pending criminal  
23 charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person has committed a serious  
24 crime on or after his or her 12th birthday; or that the person has had a temporary  
25 restraining order or injunction under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123, 813.125, 813.127,

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1 or 813.128 entered against him or her not more than 15 years before the date of the  
2 investigation under sub. (2) (b) 2.

3 **SECTION 23.** 48.685 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,  
4 is amended to read:

5 48.685 (5) (a) Subject to ~~par. pars.~~ (bm) and (br), the department may license  
6 to operate an entity, the department in a county having a population of 500,000 or  
7 more, a county department, or an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2) may  
8 certify under s. 48.651, a county department or a child welfare agency may license  
9 under s. 48.62, and a school board may contract with under s. 120.13 (14) a person  
10 who otherwise may not be licensed, certified, or contracted with for a reason specified  
11 in sub. (4m) (a) 1. to 5., and an entity may employ, contract with, or permit to reside  
12 at the entity a person who otherwise may not be employed, contracted with, or  
13 permitted to reside at the entity for a reason specified in sub. (4m) (b) 1. to 5., if the  
14 person demonstrates to the department, the county department, the contracted  
15 agency, the child welfare agency, or the school board or, in the case of an entity that  
16 is located within the boundaries of a reservation, to the person or body designated  
17 by the tribe under sub. (5d) (a) 3., by clear and convincing evidence and in accordance  
18 with procedures established by the department by rule or by the tribe that he or she  
19 has been rehabilitated.

20 **SECTION 24.** 48.685 (5) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

21 48.685 (5) (br) For purposes of licensing a person to operate a day care center  
22 under s. 48.65, certifying a day care provider under s. 48.651, or contracting with a  
23 person under s. 120.13 (14) to operate a day care center or of permitting a person to  
24 be a nonclient resident or caregiver specified in sub. (1) (ag) 1. a. of a day care center  
25 or day care provider, no person who has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent on

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1 or after his or her 12th birthday for committing any of the following offenses or who  
2 is the subject of a pending charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person has  
3 committed any of the following offenses on or after his or her 12th birthday may be  
4 permitted to demonstrate that he or she has been rehabilitated:

5 1. An offense under ch. 948 that is a felony, other than a violation of s. 948.22  
6 (2) or 948.51 (2).

7 2. A violation of s. 940.19 (3), 1999 stats., or of s. 940.19 (2), (4), (5), or (6) or  
8 940.20 (1) or (1m), if the victim is the spouse of the person.

9 3. A violation of s. 943.23 (1m) or (1r), 1999 stats., or of s. 940.01, 940.02, 940.03,  
10 940.05, 940.06, 940.21, 940.225 (1), (2), or (3), 940.23, 940.305, 940.31, 941.20 (2) or  
11 (3), 941.21, 943.10 (2), 943.23 (1g), or 943.32 (2).

12 4. A misdemeanor involving sexual abuse, child abuse, or domestic abuse, if the  
13 person has ever been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any felony.

14 5. A violation of s. 940.19 (3), 1999 stats., or of s. 125.075 (1), 125.085 (3) (a) 2.,  
15 125.105 (2) (b), 125.66 (3), 125.68 (12), 940.09, 940.12, 940.19 (2), (4), (5), or (6),  
16 940.20, 940.203, 940.205, 940.207, 940.22 (2) or (3), 940.25, 940.285 (2), 940.295,  
17 942.09 (2), or 948.22 (2), a violation of s. 948.51 (2) that is a felony under s. 948.51  
18 (3) (b) or (c), a violation of s. 346.63 (1), (2), (5), or (6) that is a felony under s. 346.65  
19 (2) (am) 5., 6., or 7., or (f), (2j) (d), or (3m), or an offense under ch. 961 that is a felony,  
20 if the person has ever been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for any other crime.

21 6. A violation listed in subd. 5., if the person has never been convicted or  
22 adjudicated delinquent for committing any other crime and the person completed his  
23 or her sentence, including any probation, parole, or extended supervision, or was  
24 discharged by the department of corrections, less than 10 years before the date of the  
25 investigation under sub. (2) (am) or (b) 1.

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1           7. A misdemeanor involving sexual abuse, child abuse, or domestic abuse, if the  
2 person has never been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a felony,  
3 but has ever been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any other  
4 misdemeanor, and the person completed his or her sentence, including any  
5 probation, parole, or extended supervision, or was discharged by the department of  
6 corrections, less than 10 years before the date of the investigation under sub. (2) (am)  
7 or (b) 1.

8           8. A misdemeanor involving sexual abuse, child abuse, or domestic abuse, if the  
9 person has never been convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing any other  
10 misdemeanor and the person completed his or her sentence, including any probation,  
11 parole, or extended supervision, or was discharged by the department of corrections,  
12 less than 5 years before the date of the investigation under sub. (2) (am) or (b) 1.

13           **SECTION 25.** 48.685 (5c) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           48.685 (5c) (a) Any person who is permitted but fails under sub. (5) (a) to  
15 demonstrate to the department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), or a  
16 child welfare agency that he or she has been rehabilitated may appeal to the  
17 secretary or his or her designee. Any person who is adversely affected by a decision  
18 of the secretary or his or her designee under this paragraph has a right to a contested  
19 case hearing under ch. 227.

20           **SECTION 26.** 48.685 (6) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

21           48.685 (6) (am) Every Except as provided in this paragraph, every 4 years an  
22 entity shall require all of its caregivers and nonclient residents to complete a  
23 background information form that is provided to the entity by the department. Every  
24 90 days a day care center that is licensed under s. 48.65 or established or contracted  
25 with under s. 120.13 (14) or a day care provider that is certified under s. 48.651 shall

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1 require all of its caregivers and nonclient residents to complete a background  
2 information form that is provided to the day care center or day care provider by the  
3 department.

4 **SECTION 27.** 48.685 (6) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 48.685 (6) (b) 2. For caregivers who are licensed or certified by a county  
6 department or an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), for persons who are  
7 nonclient residents of an entity that is licensed or certified by a county department  
8 or an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), and for other persons specified by  
9 the department by rule, the entity shall send the background information form to the  
10 county department or contracted agency.

11 **SECTION 28.** 48.685 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 48.685 (8) The department, the department of health services, a county  
13 department, an agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), a child welfare agency,  
14 or a school board may charge a fee for obtaining the information required under sub.  
15 (2) (am), (ar), or (3) (a) or (am) or for providing information to an entity to enable the  
16 entity to comply with sub. (2) (b) 1. or (3) (b). The fee may not exceed the reasonable  
17 cost of obtaining the information. No fee may be charged to a nurse aide, as defined  
18 in s. 146.40 (1) (d), for obtaining or maintaining information if to do so would be  
19 inconsistent with federal law.

20 **SECTION 29.** 48.715 (4g) of the statutes is created to read:

21 48.715 (4g) (a) If a person who has been issued a license under s. 48.66 (1) (a)  
22 or a probationary license under s. 48.69 to operate a day care center is convicted of  
23 a serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or if a caregiver specified in s.  
24 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day  
25 care center is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a serious crime on

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1 or after his or her 12th birthday, the department shall revoke the license of the day  
2 care center immediately upon providing written notice of revocation and the grounds  
3 for revocation and an explanation of the process for appealing the revocation.

4 (b) If a person who has been issued a license under s. 48.66 (1) (a) or a  
5 probationary license under s. 48.69 to operate a day care center is the subject of a  
6 pending criminal charge alleging that the person has committed a serious crime, as  
7 defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or if a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or  
8 a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day care center is the  
9 subject of a pending criminal charge or delinquency petition alleging that the person  
10 has committed a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday, the department  
11 shall immediately suspend the license of the day care center until the department  
12 obtains information regarding the final disposition of the charge or delinquency  
13 petition indicating that the person is not ineligible to be licensed to operate a day care  
14 center.

15 (c) If a person who has been issued a license under s. 48.66 (1) (a) or a  
16 probationary license under s. 48.69 to operate a day care center or a caregiver  
17 specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1)  
18 (bm), of the day care center has entered against him or her a temporary restraining  
19 order or injunction under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123, 813.125, 813.127, or 813.128,  
20 the department shall investigate the circumstances giving rise to the temporary  
21 restraining order or injunction and may suspend or revoke the license of the day care  
22 center, depending on the gravity of those circumstances, as determined by the  
23 department.

24 **SECTION 30.** 49.133 (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 49.133 (1m) (b) and  
25 amended to read:

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1           49.133 (1m) (b) ~~The~~ If a child care provider is convicted of a serious crime, as  
2 defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or a crime involving financial dishonesty, or if a  
3 caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s.  
4 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child care provider is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for  
5 committing a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday, the department or  
6 a county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23 may shall refuse to pay ~~a the~~  
7 child care provider for any child care provided under s. 49.132, 1995 stats., or any  
8 other program if any of the following applies to the child care provider, employee or  
9 person living on the premises where child care is provided: beginning on the date of  
10 the conviction or delinquency adjudication.

11           **SECTION 31.** 49.133 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,  
12 is renumbered 49.133 (2m) (a) and amended to read:

13           49.133 (2m) (a) The person has been convicted of ~~a felony or misdemeanor that~~  
14 or adjudicated delinquent on or after his or her 12th birthday for an offense that is  
15 not a serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., but the department or, county  
16 department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23, agency contracted with under s. 48.651  
17 (2), or school board determines under s. 48.685 (5m) that the offense substantially  
18 relates to the care of children or the department or county department determines  
19 that the offense substantially relates to the operation of a business.

20           **SECTION 32.** 49.133 (1m) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

21           49.133 (1m) (a) In this subsection, "crime involving financial dishonesty"  
22 means an offense under subch. III or IV of ch. 943.

23           **SECTION 33.** 49.133 (1m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

24           49.133 (1m) (c) If a child care provider is the subject of a pending criminal  
25 charge alleging that the person has committed a serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685



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1 (1) (c) 3m., or a crime involving financial dishonesty or if a caregiver specified in s.  
2 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child  
3 care provider is the subject of a pending criminal charge or delinquency petition  
4 alleging that the person has committed a serious crime on or after his or her 12th  
5 birthday, the department or county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23 shall  
6 immediately suspend payment to the child care provider for any child care provided  
7 under s. 49.132, 1995 stats., or any other program until the department obtains  
8 information regarding the final disposition of the charge or delinquency petition  
9 indicating that the person is not ineligible to receive such a payment.

10 **SECTION 34.** 49.133 (1m) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

11 49.133 (1m) (d) If a child care provider or a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1)  
12 (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child care  
13 provider has entered against him or her a temporary restraining order or injunction  
14 under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123, 813.125, 813.127, or 813.128, the department or  
15 county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23 shall investigate the  
16 circumstances giving rise to the temporary restraining order or injunction and may  
17 suspend or discontinue payments to the child care provider for any child care  
18 provided under s. 49.132, 1995 stats., or any other program, depending on the gravity  
19 of those circumstances, as determined by the department or county department.

20 **SECTION 35.** 49.133 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 49.133 (2m) (b) and  
21 amended to read:

22 49.133 (2m) (b) The person is a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or  
23 a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), and is the subject of a pending  
24 criminal charge that the department or county department under s. 46.215, 46.22,

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1 or 46.23, agency contracted with under s. 48.651 (2), or school board determines  
2 substantially relates to the care of children.

3 **SECTION 36.** 49.133 (2m) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

4 49.133 (2m) (intro.) The department or a county department under s. 46.215,  
5 46.22, or 46.23 may refuse to pay a child care provider for child care provided under  
6 s. 49.132, 1995 stats., or any other program if any of the following applies to the child  
7 care provider or to a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or nonclient resident,  
8 as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child care provider:

9 **SECTION 37.** 49.133 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 49.133 (2m) (c).

10 **SECTION 38.** 49.133 (4) of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, is  
11 renumbered 49.133 (2m) (c).

12 **SECTION 39.** 49.155 (7) of the statutes, as affected by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28,  
13 is repealed and recreated to read:

14 49.155 (7) REFUSAL TO PAY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS. (a) 1. In this paragraph,  
15 "crime involving financial dishonestly" means an offense under subch. III or IV of ch.  
16 943.

17 2. If a child care provider is convicted of a serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685  
18 (1) (c) 3m., or a crime involving financial dishonesty, or if a caregiver specified in s.  
19 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child  
20 care provider is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing a serious crime  
21 on or after his or her 12th birthday, the department or the county department under  
22 s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23 shall refuse to pay the child care provider for any child care  
23 provided under this section beginning on the date of the conviction or delinquency  
24 adjudication.

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1           3. If a child care provider is the subject of a pending criminal charge alleging  
2 that the person has committed a serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or  
3 a crime involving financial dishonesty or if a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag)  
4 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child care provider  
5 is the subject of a pending criminal charge or delinquency petition alleging that the  
6 person has committed a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday, the  
7 department or the county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23 shall  
8 immediately suspend payment to the child care provider for any child care provided  
9 under this section until the department obtains information regarding the final  
10 disposition of the charge or delinquency petition indicating that the person is not  
11 ineligible to receive such a payment.

12           4. If a child care provider or a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or  
13 a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child care provider has  
14 entered against him or her a temporary restraining order or injunction under s.  
15 813.12, 813.122, 813.123, 813.125, 813.127, or 813.128, the department or county  
16 department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23 shall investigate the circumstances  
17 giving rise to the temporary restraining order or injunction and may suspend or  
18 discontinue payments to the child care provider for any child care provided under  
19 this section, depending on the gravity of those circumstances, as determined by the  
20 department or county department.

21           (b) The department or the county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23  
22 may refuse to pay a child care provider for child care provided under this section if  
23 any of the following applies to the child care provider or to a caregiver specified in  
24 s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the child  
25 care provider:

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1           1. The person has been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent on or after his  
2 or her 12th birthday for committing an offense that is not a serious crime, as defined  
3 in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., but the department, county department, agency contracted  
4 with under s. 48.651 (2), or school board determines under s. 48.685 (5m) that the  
5 offense substantially relates to the care of children or the department or county  
6 department determines that the offense substantially relates to the operation of a  
7 business.

8           2. The person is a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient  
9 resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), and is the subject of a pending criminal  
10 charge that the department, county department, agency contracted with under s.  
11 48.651 (2), or school board determines substantially relates to the care of children.

12           3. The person has been determined under s. 48.981 to have abused or neglected  
13 a child.

14           4. The department or county department reasonably suspects that the person  
15 has violated any provision under the program under this section or any rule  
16 promulgated under this section.

17           **SECTION 40.** 49.197 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

18           49.197 (6) REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. If any employee of the  
19 department, a county, or a tribal governing body reasonably suspects fraudulent  
20 activity as described in sub. (1m) or (2) (b), the employee shall immediately report  
21 the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the district attorney.  
22 Any person who fails to report as required in this subsection may be fined not more  
23 than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

24           **SECTION 41.** 49.845 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           49.845 (4) CONTRACT FOR WISCONSIN WORKS. Notwithstanding s. 49.197 (1m)  
2 and (3), the department of children and families may contract with the department  
3 of health services to investigate suspected fraudulent activity on the part of  
4 recipients of aid to families with dependent children under s. 49.19 and participants  
5 in Wisconsin Works under ss. 49.141 to 49.161 and to conduct activities to reduce  
6 payment errors in Wisconsin Works under ss. 49.141 to 49.161, as provided in this  
7 section. If any employee of the department of children and families reasonably  
8 suspects fraudulent activity as described in this subsection, the employee shall  
9 immediately report the facts and circumstances contributing to that suspicion to the  
10 district attorney. Any person who fails to report as required in this subsection may  
11 be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

12           **SECTION 42.** 120.13 (14) of the statutes is renumbered 120.13 (14) (a).

13           **SECTION 43.** 120.13 (14) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

14           120.13 (14) (b) 1. If a person who has contracted under par. (a) to provide a day  
15 care program is convicted of a serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or if  
16 a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in  
17 s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day care program is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for  
18 committing a serious crime on or after his or her 12th birthday, the school board shall  
19 rescind the contract of the contractor immediately upon providing written notice of  
20 the rescission and the grounds for the rescission and an explanation of the process  
21 for appealing the rescission.

22           2. If a person who has contracted under par. (a) to provide a day care program  
23 is the subject of a pending criminal charge alleging that the person has committed  
24 a serious crime, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (c) 3m., or if a caregiver specified in s.  
25 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day

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1 care program is the subject of a pending criminal charge or delinquency petition  
2 alleging that the person has committed a serious crime on or after his or her 12th  
3 birthday, the school board shall immediately suspend the contract of the contractor  
4 until the school board obtains information regarding the final disposition of the  
5 charge or delinquency petition indicating that the person is not ineligible to provide  
6 a day care program under this subsection.

7 3. If a person who has contracted under par. (a) to provide a day care program  
8 or a caregiver specified in s. 48.685 (1) (ag) 1. a. or a nonclient resident, as defined  
9 in s. 48.685 (1) (bm), of the day care program has entered against him or her a  
10 temporary restraining order or injunction under s. 813.12, 813.122, 813.123,  
11 813.125, 813.127, or 813.128, the school board shall investigate the circumstances  
12 giving rise to the temporary restraining order or injunction and may suspend or  
13 rescind the contract of the contractor, depending on the gravity of those  
14 circumstances, as determined by the school board.

15 **SECTION 44. Initial applicability.**

16 (1) **RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** This act first applies to a decision to deny,  
17 suspend, revoke, rescind, or refuse to renew a license under section 48.65 of the  
18 statutes, a certification under section 48.651 of the statutes, or a contract under  
19 section 120.13 (14) of the statutes, or to refuse to pay a child care provider under  
20 section 49.133 or 49.155 (7) of the statutes, made on the effective date of this  
21 subsection, notwithstanding that the conviction, adjudication, charge, temporary  
22 restraining order, or injunction on which the decision is based was obtained, filed,  
23 or granted before the effective date of this subsection.

24 **SECTION 45. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th  
25 month beginning after publication, except as follows:



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