DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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To Senator Erpenbach,

Under this amendment, vendor payments to landlords or mortgagees are made for the period of time of the denial or for the period of time that the individual would have received the benefits if the individual had not committed an intentional program violation, whichever is shorter. This means that the length of time will not be longer than 60 months because an individual may not receive W–2 benefits for more than a total of 60 months under s. 49.145 (2) (n). Without this limitation, vendor payments could be required to be made permanently for a denial under s. 49.151 (1) (a) 3. Is this consistent with your intent?

Under this amendment, dependent children will receive benefits in the amount that the individual would have been eligible to receive if the individual had not committed the intentional program violation. Therefore, if an intentional program violation resulted in an individual receiving benefits that the individual would not otherwise have been eligible to receive, the dependent children will not receive those benefits. Is this consistent with your intent? Also, it is not clear how the requirement to provide the individual's benefit to the dependent children will apply to benefits that require the individual to participate in required activities, such as a community service job or a transitional placement.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this amendment.

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