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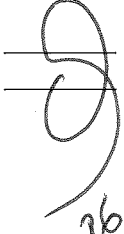
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Attachments: Welfare Changes 2.docx

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Attached are changes that Senator Grothman would like to see to LRB 1904. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Welfare Changes

EITC:

- Eliminate the earned income tax credit

Homestead Tax Credit:

- Only allow it to be claimed by individuals 55 and over
- Count child support as income in eligibility calculation

FoodShare:

- Lower from 200% to 130%: If married a decrease of \$15,000 in total income
- Not allow the state to run radio/TV ads for FoodShare, outreach activities
- Allow individuals to return money if they receive too much or voluntarily lower the amount they get each month
- Do not allow stores (etc.) to give discounts for using FoodShare
- Do not allow rollover of unused money at the end of each month
- Remove online application ability and require in person interviews
- Take into account the income of individuals that stay in applicant's home
- Asset Test
 - All households must have net incomes below 100 percent of poverty to be eligible
 - Most households may have up to \$2,000 in countable resources (e.g., checking/savings account, cash, tocks/bonds)
 - Households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or a member living with a disability may have up to \$3,250 in resources

Wisconsin Shares:

- Eligibility: If married income reduced by \$20,000, if single income increased by \$20,000
- Current draft provision
 - Minimum copayment of \$2 per hour per child
 - Maximum of 40 hours per week per child subsidized

Low-Income Energy Assistance:

- Cannot send more than two notices for qualification in program in 12 month period
- Eligibility: If 2nd adult in household income reduced by \$10,000, if single income increased by \$10,000
- Current draft provisions
 - Asset test
 - Household with assets that exceed \$2,000 in cash equity value or a vehicle having equity value of \$10,000 or greater, unless a member of the household is disabled or aged 62 or older

Housing Assistance:

- Local governments/housing authorities cannot request more money for low income housing and cannot build new low income housing unless it is for seniors (55 and over)

- Take into account the income of individuals (not related to the family) that stay in applicant's home
- Current draft provisions
 - Disabled or over 62 qualify
 - Non-Disabled: conditional
 - Square footage is less than 50% of the average square footage of a rental unit of average rental value in the county
 - Asset test
 - Assets that exceed \$2,000 in cash equity value or a vehicle having equity value of \$10,000 or greater may not receive housing or housing assistance from WHEDA. This limitation does not apply to a person who is disabled or aged 62 or older

W-2:

- Give claimants 18 months to prepare for employment but limit the time they have only 18 months out of every 48-50 months
 - Basically, to fill in the gaps in skills needed for employment
 - General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) preparation;
 - Technical college courses and other education courses that provide an employment skill;
 - Employer-sponsored training;
 - English-as-a-Second Language classes;
 - Adult basic education courses.
- Maximum of 24 month time limit on the amount of time an individual can participate in subsidized employment
- Maximum of 8 hours per week on educational training for community service
- Maximum of 10 hours per week on educational training for transitional jobs
- No education or training activity should be available unless requested or affirmed by local employers
- W-2 agencies should screen clients for success factors before referring them to education or training
 - Ability to read and write, ability to perform basic arithmetic, ability to arrive on time, stable housing, ties to the local community, family support, educational background
 - If these condition are not met (i.e. basic literacy is needed), then another program may be more suitable as a starting point for these individuals who, once they have the basics met, can participate in the W-2 program.
 - Often, W-2 is used beyond its purpose as a job-training program and is instead used as a basic educational program.
 - Use W-s as a strategic job-focused training and placement program instead of baseline educational program.
- Set time limits for classroom based training or education

- DWD implement a case monitoring documentation audit process to ensure that the W-2 agents are adequately monitoring the activities of all claimants
- Calculate the value of other public assistance programs when assigning W-2 benefits
 - Currently, child support, EITC, Section 8, FoodShare, energy assistance, etc. are not considered when determining benefit levels
- Reduce monthly benefit by \$20 per month
- Create penalty if the client does not participate in required W-2 activities and/or terminate an individual's eligibility if they refuse to participate in required activities or training
- Remove At-Risk-Pregnancies (ARP) from the list of benefits received by this jobs training program
- Remove cash bonus for staying in same job for more than 31 days

Higher Education Grants and Scholarships:

- Eliminate Wisconsin Higher Education Grant, Wisconsin Tuition Grant, Talent Incentive Program Grant, Indian Student Assistance Grant, Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant
 - Transfer money from these programs to reduce tuition at UW System
- Money awarded can only be used for tuition and books
- Current draft provisions
 - Require reporting of both parents' income and assets
 - Prohibit BOR or UW System from awarding grants if both parent's incomes are not taken into consideration

School Lunch Program:

- Cannot Send more than two notices for qualification for the program to the family in a school year

Current Bill Provisions:

- Parental Choice Program: If married a \$30,000 decrease in total income

General Provisions:

- Do not allow the state to advertise (TV and Radio) to receive any means tested benefits
- All members of household counted in income and asset tests (including cohabitation)

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Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:17 AM
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Hi Pam,

I discussed this with Senator Grothman and he would only like to reduce the married (not make any changes to the single). He is basing this on how the choice program deals with this (link below). If the eligibility is \$25,000 and the married couple makes \$45,000, they would be ineligible for the program. But, Senator Grothman would like to reduce their income by \$20,000, so their total income would be considered \$25,000 and therefore they would be eligible for the program. Also, you are correct, any current bill provision that is not included in the document can be removed from the draft. Let me know if you have any other questions.

http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/files/sms/pdf/wpcp_income_limits_2014-15.pdf

Thanks,

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Rachel, I have another question that relates to an instruction that applies in a number of areas. It is that if a person is married, their income is reduced by, say, \$20,000, and if single, their income is increased by, say, \$20,000, for eligibility. Does that mean that if, for example, eligibility is 150 percent of poverty and that is, say, \$25,000, if the person is married they aren't eligible unless they have income of \$5,000 or less and that if they are single, they are eligible if they have income of \$45,000 or less? On the other hand, it could mean that you want to impute income of \$20,000 to a person who is single and disregard \$20,000 of income if the person is married. I'm not sure.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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1 **AN ACT ...; relating to:** education and training under Wisconsin Works; reducing
2 Wisconsin Works benefits; eliminating Wisconsin Works grants for unmarried,
3 pregnant women at risk; a minimum copayment, maximum child care hours,
4 and reducing income based on marriage for eligibility under Wisconsin Shares;
5 changes to the food stamp program relating to financial eligibility for benefits,
6 allowing an election to reduce benefits, recouping unused benefits, and
7 prohibiting supplier discounts; prohibiting advertising concerning
8 means-tested public assistance on radio or television; requiring consideration
9 of the income and assets of all individuals in a household for purposes of ✓
10 eligibility for any means-tested public assistance; } insert "relating clause"
11 under the earned income tax credit; limiting eligibility for the homestead tax
12 credit; elimination of certain grant programs administered by the Higher
13 Educational Aids Board and transfer of the unencumbered balances in the
14 appropriations for those programs to the University of Wisconsin System for
15 the purpose of tuition reduction; consideration of the income and assets of both

1 parents of a student under 22 years of age for purposes of awarding a grant or
 2 scholarship to such a student and the permissible uses of grant or scholarship
 3 moneys awarded; income eligibility requirements for enrollment in a private
 4 school participating in a Parental Choice Program; the school lunch program;
 5

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This is a partial analysis. A complete analysis will be provided in a subsequent version of this draft.

Taxation

Under federal law, the earned income tax credit (EITC) is a refundable tax credit for low-income workers. If the amount of the claim exceeds the worker's tax liability, the claimant receives a check for the excess amount from the Internal Revenue Service. The amount of the credit for which a claimant is eligible is based, in part, on whether the claimant has no qualifying children, one qualifying child, or more than one qualifying child.

Under current law, the refundable Wisconsin EITC may be claimed in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the federal basic EITC. To be eligible for the Wisconsin EITC, an individual must have one or more qualifying children. The Wisconsin EITC is equal to 4 percent of the federal credit if the claimant has one qualifying child, 11 percent of the federal credit if the claimant has two qualifying children, and 34 percent of the federal credit if the claimant has three or more qualifying children.

Under this bill, no new claims under the Wisconsin EITC may be filed for a taxable year that begins after December 31, 2014.

Under current law, the homestead tax credit may be claimed by an individual who is at least 18 years of age and who is not, in general, claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes in the year to which the claim relates. Under this bill, for claims filed for taxable years that begin after December 31, 2014, a claimant must be at least 55 years old to claim the homestead tax credit.

Parental Choice Program pupil eligibility

Under the Parental Choice Programs, a pupil who is a member of a family that has a total family income that does not exceed 3.0 times the poverty level may attend a private school at state expense under certain conditions. When verifying a family's income, the Department of Revenue must first deduct \$7,000. This bill increases the deduction to \$30,000.

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School lunch program

This bill prohibits a school board from providing to a pupil's parent or guardian more than two notices describing eligibility criteria for the School Lunch Program in any school year.

Higher education grants and scholarships

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) awards certain grants based on financial need. Those grants include Wisconsin higher education grants for students enrolled in public institutions of higher education or tribal colleges in this state (WHEG grants), tuition grants for students enrolled in private institutions of higher education in this state (tuition grants), Indian student assistance grants to assist Indian students who are residents of this state (Indian student assistance grants), and minority undergraduate retention grants to assist minority students enrolled in private institutions of higher education or technical colleges in this state (minority undergraduate retention grants).

This bill eliminates WHEG grants, tuition grants, Indian student assistance grants, and minority undergraduate retention grants, transfers the unencumbered balances in the appropriations for those grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System (Board of Regents), and directs the Board of Regents to use the amount so transferred to reduce the tuition charged to enroll in educational programs in the UW System.

The bill also prohibits HEAB from awarding any state financial assistance, and the Board of Regents from awarding any scholarship, that is based on financial need to a student under 22 years of age who is a dependent of his or her parents unless the calculation of the student's financial need includes consideration of the income and assets of both of the student's parents. In addition, the bill requires state financial assistance awarded by HEAB and scholarship moneys awarded by the Board of Regents to be used only for tuition, fees, books, and educational supplies.

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (6m) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 5.02 (**6m**) (f) An unexpired identification card issued by a university or college
- 3 in this state that is accredited, as defined in s. 39.30 (1) (d), 2013 stats., that contains
- 4 the date of issuance and signature of the individual to whom it is issued and that
- 5 contains an expiration date indicating that the card expires no later than 2 years
- 6 after the date of issuance if the individual establishes that he or she is enrolled as
- 7 a student at the university or college on the date that the card is presented.

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1 SECTION 2. 20.235 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

2 SECTION 3. 20.235 (1) (fd) of the statutes is repealed.

3 SECTION 4. 20.235 (1) (fe) of the statutes is repealed.

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10 SECTION 11. 20.235 (1) (km) of the statutes is repealed.

11 SECTION 12. 20.505 (8) (hm) 4i. of the statutes is repealed.

12 SECTION 13. 20.505 (8) (hm) 10. of the statutes is repealed.

13 SECTION 14. 36.11 (6) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

14 SECTION 15. 36.11 (58) of the statutes is created to read:

15 36.11 (58) The board may not award a scholarship that is based in whole or in
16 part on financial need to any student under the age of 22 who is a dependent of his
17 or her parents unless the board's calculation of financial need includes consideration
18 of the income and assets of both of the student's parents. Scholarship moneys
19 awarded by the board may be used only for tuition, fees, books, and educational
20 supplies.

21 SECTION 16. 36.25 (49) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 36.25 (49) ACADEMIC FEE INCREASE GRANTS. The board may make grants to
23 resident undergraduate students ~~who do not receive grants under s. 39.435 that are~~
24 ~~payable from the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fe),~~ whose annual family income
25 is less than \$60,000, and who have unmet financial need. Beginning in fiscal year

1 2011–12, the board may make a grant under this subsection only to those students
2 enrolled in the system during fiscal year 2010–11 who maintain continuous
3 enrollment. A grant to a student under this subsection shall be in an amount
4 determined by the board that corresponds to any increase, or any portion of an
5 increase, in academic fees charged to the student, but may not exceed the amount of
6 the student’s unmet need. The board may not make a grant under this subsection
7 to a student whose name appears on the statewide support lien docket under s.
8 49.854 (2) (b), unless the student provides to the board a payment agreement that
9 has been approved by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and that is
10 consistent with rules promulgated under s. 49.858 (2) (a).

11 **SECTION 17.** 38.04 (7m) of the statutes is repealed.

12 **SECTION 18.** 39.28 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

13 39.28 (7) The board may not provide any state financial assistance under this
14 subchapter that is based in whole or in part on financial need to any student under
15 the age of 22 who is a dependent of his or her parents unless the board’s calculation
16 of financial need includes consideration of the income and assets of both of the
17 student’s parents. Moneys awarded under this subchapter may be used only for
18 tuition, fees, books, and educational supplies.

19 **SECTION 19.** 39.285 of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 20.** 39.30 of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 21.** 39.31 of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 22.** 39.38 of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 23.** 39.435 of the statutes is repealed.

24 **SECTION 24.** 39.44 of the statutes is repealed.

25 **SECTION 25.** 39.45 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 39.45 (1) (a) “Institution of higher education” means a public or private
2 nonprofit educational institution meeting the requirements of s. 39.30, 2013 stats.,
3 or s. 39.435, 2013 stats., for the purpose of awarding grants under those sections.

4 **SECTION 26.** 39.45 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 39.45 (1) (b) “Resident student” has the meaning specified in s. 39.30 (1) (e),
6 2013 stats.

7 **SECTION 27.** 49.143 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

8 49.143 (4m) CASE MONITORING AUDITS. The department shall develop and
9 implement a case monitoring audit process to ensure that Wisconsin Works agencies
10 are adequately monitoring the activities of all participants.

11 **SECTION 28.** 49.147 (1m) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 49.147 (1m) (title) ~~EDUCATIONAL NEEDS~~ EDUCATION AND TRAINING ASSESSMENT.

13 **SECTION 29.** 49.147 (1m) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 49.147 (1m) (a) 1.
14 and amended to read:

15 49.147 (1m) (a) 1. A Wisconsin Works agency shall conduct an educational
16 needs education and training assessment of each individual who applies for a
17 Wisconsin Works employment position. If the individual and the Wisconsin Works
18 agency determine that the individual needs, or would benefit from, education or
19 training activities, ~~including a course of study meeting the standards established~~
20 ~~under s. 115.29 (4) (a) for the granting of a declaration of equivalency of high school~~
21 ~~graduation to better prepare the individual for employment, if the Wisconsin Works~~
22 ~~agency determines under subd. 2. that the individual would likely be successful in~~
23 education or training activities, and if the Wisconsin Works agency determines that
24 the individual is eligible for a Wisconsin Works employment position, the Wisconsin

1 Works agency shall include education or training activities specified in subd. 3. in
2 any employability plan developed for the individual.

3 **SECTION 30.** 49.147 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

4 49.147 (1m) (a) 2. A Wisconsin Works agency shall determine whether an
5 individual would likely be successful in education or training activities on the basis
6 of the following factors:

- 7 a. Whether the individual has the ability to read and write.
- 8 b. Whether the individual is able to perform basic arithmetic functions.
- 9 c. Whether the individual is able to keep appointments on time.
- 10 d. Whether the individual has stable housing.
- 11 e. Whether the individual has ties to the local community.
- 12 f. Whether the individual has the support of his or her family.
- 13 g. The individual's general educational background.

14 **SECTION 31.** 49.147 (1m) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

15 49.147 (1m) (a) 3. An individual may participate in education or training
16 activities for a total of no more than 18 months, which need not be consecutive, and,
17 if the individual is employed, only if his or her employer approves it. The department
18 shall specify the maximum time during which an individual may receive classroom
19 instruction as part of an individual's education or training activities. Education or
20 training activities in which the individual may participate include any of the
21 following determined appropriate for the individual by the Wisconsin Works agency
22 and the individual's employer, if any:

- 23 a. A course of study meeting the standards established under s. 115.29 (4) for
24 the granting of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.

1 b. Technical college courses and other educational courses that provide an
2 employment skill.

3 c. Employer-sponsored training.

4 d. English as a 2nd language courses.

5 e. Adult basic education courses.

6 **SECTION 32.** 49.147 (4) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 49.147 (4) (am) *Education or training activities.* A Subject to the requirements
8 under s. 49.147 (1m) (a), a participant under this subsection may be required to
9 participate in education and training activities assigned as part of an employability
10 plan developed by the Wisconsin works Works agency. ~~The department shall~~
11 ~~establish by rule permissible education and training under this paragraph, which~~
12 ~~shall include a course of study meeting the standards established under s. 115.29 (4)~~
13 ~~for the granting of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation, technical~~
14 ~~college courses, employer-sponsored training, and educational courses that provide~~
15 ~~an employment skill. Permissible education under this paragraph shall also include~~
16 ~~English as a 2nd language courses that the Wisconsin works agency determines~~
17 ~~would facilitate an individual's efforts to obtain employment and adult basic~~
18 ~~education courses~~ education and training activities in which a participant may be
19 required to participate under this paragraph shall be those under s. 49.147 (1m) (a)
20 3. that the Wisconsin works Works agency determines would facilitate an the
21 individual's efforts to obtain employment.

22 **SECTION 33.** 49.147 (4) (as) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 49.147 (4) (as) *Required hours.* Except as provided in pars. (at) and (av) and
24 sub. (5m), a Wisconsin Works agency shall require a participant placed in a
25 community service job program to work in a community service job for the number

1 of hours determined by the Wisconsin Works agency to be appropriate for the
2 participant at the time of application or review and may require a participant to
3 participate in education or training activities for not more than ~~10~~ 8 hours per week,
4 except that the Wisconsin Works agency may not require a participant under this
5 subsection to spend more than 40 hours per week in combined activities under this
6 subsection.

7 **SECTION 34.** 49.147 (4) (av) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 49.147 (4) (av) *Education for 18-year-old and 19-year-old students.* ~~A~~
9 Notwithstanding the requirements under s. 49.147 (1m) (a), a Wisconsin Works
10 agency shall permit a participant under this subsection who has not attained the age
11 of 20 and who has not obtained a high school diploma or a declaration of equivalency
12 of high school graduation to attend high school or, at the option of the participant,
13 to enroll in a course of study meeting the standards established under s. 115.29 (4)
14 for the granting of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation to satisfy,
15 in whole or in part, the participation requirement under par. (as).

****NOTE: Is this how you want the paragraph above amended?

16 **SECTION 35.** 49.147 (5) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 49.147 (5) (bm) *Education or training activities.* ~~A~~ Subject to the requirements
18 under s. 49.147 (1m) (a), a participant under this subsection may be required to
19 participate in education and training activities assigned as part of an employability
20 plan developed by the Wisconsin works Works agency. ~~The department shall~~
21 ~~establish by rule permissible education and training under this paragraph, which~~
22 ~~shall include a course of study meeting the standards established under s. 115.29 (4)~~
23 ~~for the granting of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation, technical~~
24 ~~college courses, employer-sponsored training, and educational courses that provide~~

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1 an employment skill. ~~Permissible education under this paragraph shall also include~~
2 ~~English as a 2nd language courses that the Wisconsin works agency determines~~
3 ~~would facilitate an individual's efforts to obtain employment and adult basic~~
4 ~~education courses~~ education and training activities in which a participant may be
5 required to participate under this paragraph shall be those under s. 49.147 (1m) (a)
6 3. that the Wisconsin works Works agency determines would facilitate an the
7 individual's efforts to obtain employment.

8 **SECTION 36.** 49.147 (5) (bs) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 49.147 (5) (bs) *Required hours.* Except as provided in par. (bt) and sub. (5m),
10 a Wisconsin Works agency may require a participant placed in a transitional
11 placement to participate in education or training activities for not more than ~~12~~ 10
12 hours per week and to engage in activities under par. (b) 1., but may not require a
13 participant under this subsection to spend more than 40 hours per week in combined
14 activities under this subsection.

15 **SECTION 37.** 49.147 (5m) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 49.147 (5m) (a) (intro.) To the extent permitted under 42 USC 607, and except
17 as provided in par. (bL), notwithstanding the requirements under s. 49.147 (1m) (a),
18 a participant under sub. (4) or (5) may participate in a technical college education
19 program as part of a community service job placement or transitional placement if
20 all of the following requirements are met:

***NOTE: Is this how you want the paragraph above amended or would you prefer
to repeal it?

21 **SECTION 38.** 49.147 (5m) (bL) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 49.147 (5m) (bL) ~~A~~ Notwithstanding the length of time specified in s. 49.147
23 (1m) (a) 3., a participant may participate under this subsection for the duration of

1 the technical college education program, except that the participant may not
2 participate under this subsection for more than 2 years.

***NOTE: Is this how you want the paragraph above amended?

3 **SECTION 39.** 49.148 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act
4 20, is amended to read:

5 49.148 (1) (b) 1. Except as provided in subd. 1m., for a participant in a
6 community service job under s. 49.147 (4), a monthly grant of ~~\$653~~ \$633. For every
7 hour that the participant misses work or education or training activities without
8 good cause, the grant amount shall be reduced by \$5. Good cause shall be determined
9 by the financial and employment planner in accordance with rules promulgated by
10 the department. Good cause shall include required court appearances for a victim
11 of domestic abuse. If a participant in a community service job under s. 49.147 (4) is
12 required to work fewer than 30 hours per week because the participant has
13 unsubsidized employment, as defined in s. 49.147 (1), the grant amount under this
14 paragraph shall equal the amount specified under subd. 1m. minus \$5 for each hour
15 that the participant misses work or education or training activities without good
16 cause.

17 **SECTION 40.** 49.148 (1) (b) 1m. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 49.148 (1) (b) 1m. d. For a participant placed in a community service job for
19 more than 20 hours per week, ~~\$653~~ \$633.

20 **SECTION 41.** 49.148 (1) (b) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act
21 20, is amended to read:

22 49.148 (1) (b) 3. For a participant in a community service job who participates
23 in technical college education under s. 49.147 (5m), a monthly grant of ~~\$653~~ \$633.
24 For every hour that the participant misses work or other required activities without

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1 good cause, the grant amount shall be reduced by \$5. Good cause shall be determined
2 by the financial and employment planner in accordance with rules promulgated by
3 the department. Good cause shall include required court appearances for a victim
4 of domestic abuse.

5 **SECTION 42.** 49.148 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20,
6 is amended to read:

7 49.148 (1) (c) *Transitional placements.* For a participant in a transitional
8 placement under s. 49.147 (5) or in a transitional placement and in technical college
9 education under s. 49.147 (5m), a monthly grant of \$608 ~~\$588~~. For every hour that
10 the participant fails to participate in any required activity without good cause,
11 including any activity under s. 49.147 (5) (b) 1. a. to d., the grant amount shall be
12 reduced by \$5. Good cause shall be determined by the financial and employment
13 planner in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Good cause shall
14 include required court appearances for a victim of domestic abuse.

15 **SECTION 43.** 49.148 (1m) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 49.148 (1m) (title) CUSTODIAL PARENT OF INFANT; ~~UNMARRIED, PREGNANT WOMAN.~~

17 **SECTION 44.** 49.148 (1m) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is repealed.

18 **SECTION 45.** 49.148 (1m) (a) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 49.148 (1m) (am)
19 and amended to read:

20 49.148 (1m) (am) A custodial parent of a child 8 weeks old or less who meets
21 the eligibility requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) may receive a monthly grant
22 of \$653, unless another adult member of the custodial parent’s Wisconsin Works
23 group is participating in, or is eligible to participate in, a Wisconsin Works
24 employment position or is employed in unsubsidized employment, as defined in s.
25 49.147 (1).

1 **SECTION 46.** 49.148 (1m) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

2 **SECTION 47.** 49.148 (1m) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

3 49.148 (1m) (c) 1. Receipt of a grant under this subsection by a participant
4 ~~under par. (a) 1.~~ does not constitute participation in a Wisconsin Works employment
5 position if the child is born to the participant not more than 10 months after the date
6 that the participant was first determined to be eligible for assistance under s. 49.19
7 or for a Wisconsin Works employment position.

8 **SECTION 48.** 49.148 (1m) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 49.148 (1m) (c) 2. Receipt of a grant under this subsection by a participant
10 ~~under par. (a) 1.~~ constitutes participation in a Wisconsin Works employment position
11 if the child is born to the participant more than 10 months after the date that the
12 participant was first determined to be eligible for assistance under s. 49.19 or for a
13 Wisconsin Works employment position unless the child was conceived as a result of
14 a sexual assault in violation of s. 940.225 (1), (2), or (3) in which the mother did not
15 indicate a freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse or in violation of s.
16 948.02 or 948.025 or as a result of incest in violation of s. 944.06 or 948.06 and that
17 incest or sexual assault has been reported to a physician and to law enforcement
18 authorities.

19 **SECTION 49.** 49.148 (1m) (c) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 50.** 49.148 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

21 49.148 (5) BONUSES PROHIBITED. The department or a Wisconsin Works agency
22 may not pay a bonus or other monetary reward to a participant for remaining at a
23 job for a particular length of time.

24 **SECTION 51.** 49.155 (1m) (c) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

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1 49.155 (1m) (c) 4. If the individual is married, gross income shall be reduced
2 by \$20,000 before gross income as a percentage of the poverty line is calculated under
3 subd. 1., 1g., 1m., 2., or 3.

4 **SECTION 52.** 49.155 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20,
5 is amended to read:

6 49.155 (5) (a) An individual receiving a subsidy under this section is liable for
7 the difference, if any, between the cost of the child care provided by the child care
8 provider or providers selected by the individual and the subsidy amount, except that
9 the department shall require a minimum copayment of \$2 per hour of child care per
10 child. The department shall specify minimum or estimated copayment amounts
11 based on family size, income level, and other factors, a schedule of which will be
12 available in electronic form on the department's Internet site and in paper form.

13 **SECTION 53.** 49.155 (6g) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 49.155 (6g) (a) 2. Except as provided in subd. 3., and subject to subd. 5., the
15 department shall authorize no more than 12 hours of child care per day per child.

16 **SECTION 54.** 49.155 (6g) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 49.155 (6g) (a) 3. The Subject to subd. 5., the department may authorize more
18 than 12 hours, not exceeding 16 hours, of child care per day for a child whose parent
19 provides written documentation of work or transportation requirements that exceed
20 12 hours in a day.

21 **SECTION 55.** 49.155 (6g) (a) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

22 49.155 (6g) (a) 5. The department may not authorize more than 40 hours of
23 child care per week for a child.

24 **SECTION 56.** 49.159 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 49.159 (4) PREGNANT WOMEN. A pregnant woman whose pregnancy is medically
2 verified, and who would be eligible under s. 49.145 except that she is not a custodial
3 parent of a dependent child, ~~and who does not satisfy the requirements under s.~~
4 ~~49.148 (1m) (a) 2.~~ is eligible for employment training and job search assistance
5 services provided by the Wisconsin Works agency.

6 **SECTION 57.** 49.79 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

7 49.79 (1m) FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY. (a) A household of one or more individuals
8 is not eligible to receive food stamp benefits under this section unless all of the
9 following apply:

10 1. Subject to par. (b), the gross income of the household does not exceed 130
11 percent of the poverty line.

12 2. Subject to (b), the net income of the household does not exceed 100 percent
13 of the poverty line.

14 3. Except as provided in subd. 4., the household does not have countable assets
15 of more than \$2,000 in value.

16 4. If the household includes an individual who is 60 years of age or older, an
17 individual who is blind, or an individual who is disabled, the household does not have
18 countable assets of more than \$3,200 in value.

19 (b) If the household includes a married couple, the household's gross income
20 and net income shall be reduced by \$15,000 before the calculations are made under
21 par. (a) 1. and 2.

22 **SECTION 58.** 49.79 (7c) of the statutes is created to read:

23 49.79 (7c) NO ONLINE APPLICATIONS. The department may not allow or accept
24 online applications for benefits under this section. Any person who seeks benefits
25 under this section must apply to the department or its designated agent in person.

1 **SECTION 59.** 49.79 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 **49.79 (7m) REDUCTION IN, AND RECOUPMENT OF, BENEFITS.** To the extent
3 permitted under federal law, the department shall implement a system for
4 distributing benefits under this section that does all of the following:

5 (a) Allows an individual who is an applicant or recipient to elect to receive food
6 stamp benefits in an amount that is less than the amount for which the individual
7 or the individual's household is eligible.

8 (b) Recoups after the end of each month benefits received for that month that
9 were not used in that month. The department shall use the amount of unused
10 benefits recouped under this paragraph to provide benefits under this section.

11 **SECTION 60.** 49.79 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

12 **49.79 (10) DISCOUNTS PROHIBITED.** No supplier, as defined in s. 49.795 (1) (d),
13 may offer or provide a discount on the cost of food or other items that may be
14 purchased with food stamp benefits by reason of the use of food stamp benefits to
15 purchase the food or other items.

16 **SECTION 61.** 49.823 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **49.823 Determination of income and assets.** (1) In this section,
18 "means-tested public assistance" means any services, benefits, or other assistance
19 that is provided to individuals or families under this chapter and for which income
20 or assets is a factor in determining eligibility.

21 (2) Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary and to the
22 extent permitted under federal law, when determining an individual's or a family's
23 eligibility for any means-tested public assistance, the department of health services
24 or the department of children and families shall take into consideration the income

1 or assets, as the case may be, of every individual who resides in the individual's or
2 family's household.

****NOTE: You may need to define "household" for purposes of this subsection. There are a number of definitions in current law. See ss. 16.27 (1) (c), 66.1105 (2) (bq), 71.07 (3m) (a) 5. and (5m) (a) 3., 71.28 (2m) (a) 5., 71.47 (2m) (a) 5., 71.52 (4), 71.58 (5), 71.613 (1) (ge), and 287.17 (1) (h).

****NOTE: Do you want to specify particular programs that this provision would apply to? As currently drafted, it applies to all programs in ch. 49, including Medical Assistance. The federal programs may have eligibiliy requirements that are in conflict with this provision.

3 (3) If the department of health services or the department of children and
4 families determines that it may not without a waiver from the federal government
5 implement the requirement under sub. (2) with respect to any program administered
6 by that department that provides mean-tested public assistance and that such a
7 waiver may be requested under federal law, the department of health services or the
8 department of children and families shall request a waiver from the appropriate
9 federal agency. If such a waiver is requested with respect to a program, the
10 department requesting the waiver may not implement the requirement under sub.
11 (2) with respect to the program unless the waiver is granted and in effect.

12 SECTION 62. 49.97 of the statutes is created to read:

13 49.97 Prohibition on advertising. (1) In this section, "means-tested public
14 assistance" means any services, benefits, or other assistance that is provided to
15 individuals or families under this chapter and for which income or assets is a factor
16 in determining eligibility.

17 (2) The department of health services and the department of children and
18 families may not by radio or television advertise the availability of, or provide any
19 other information concerning, means-tested public assistance.

20 SECTION 63. 71.07 (9e) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 71.07 (9e) (h) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014, no new
2 claims for a credit under this subsection may be filed.

3 **SECTION 64.** 71.53 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 71.53 (2) (c) The Except as provided in par. (g), the claimant was under 18 years
5 of age at the close of the year to which the claim relates.

6 **SECTION 65.** 71.53 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

7 71.53 (2) (g) For claims filed for taxable years beginning after December 31,
8 2014, the claimant was under 55 years of age at the close of the year to which the
9 claim relates.

 ****NOTE: Your instructions state that you'd like to include child support in the definition of income for calculating eligibility for the homestead tax credit. I think this is already the case under the current law definition of "income" in s. 71.52 (6), which states, in part: "(6) "Income" means the sum of Wisconsin adjusted gross income and the following amounts, to the extent not included in Wisconsin adjusted gross income: maintenance payments (except foster care maintenance and supplementary payments excludable under section 131 of the internal revenue code), **support money**", so I did not amend this definition.

10 **SECTION 66.** 115.34 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.34 (3) A school board may not provide to a pupil's parent or guardian more
12 than 2 notices that describe the eligibility criteria for the school lunch program in any
13 school year.

14 **SECTION 67.** 118.60 (2) (a) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 118.60 (2) (a) 1. b. The private school submits to the department of public
16 instruction the names, addresses, social security numbers, and other state and
17 federal tax identification numbers, if any, of the pupil's parents or legal guardians
18 that reside in the same household as the pupil, whether and to whom the parents or
19 legal guardians are married, the names of all of the other members of the pupil's
20 family residing in the same household as the pupil, and the school year for which
21 family income is being verified under this subd. 1. b. The department of revenue

1 shall review the information submitted under this subd. 1. b. and shall verify the
2 eligibility or ineligibility of the pupil to participate in the program under this section
3 on the basis of family income. In this subdivision, “family income” means federal
4 adjusted gross income of the parents or legal guardians residing in the same
5 household as the pupil for the tax year preceding the school year for which family
6 income is being verified under this subd. 1. b. or, if not available, for the tax year
7 preceding the tax year preceding the school year for which family income is being
8 verified under this subd. 1. b. Family income for a family in which the pupil’s parents
9 are married or in which the pupil’s legal guardians are married shall be reduced by
10 ~~\$7,000~~ \$30,000 before the verification is made under this subd. 1. b. The department
11 of revenue may take no other action on the basis of the information submitted under
12 this subd. 1. b. If the department of revenue is unable to verify family income or to
13 verify whether the pupil is eligible or ineligible to participate in the program under
14 this section on the basis of family income, the department of revenue shall notify the
15 department of public instruction of this fact and the department of public instruction
16 shall utilize an alternative process, to be established by the department of public
17 instruction, to determine whether the pupil is eligible to participate in the program
18 under this section on the basis of family income. The department of public
19 instruction may not request any additional verification of income from the family of
20 a pupil once the department of revenue has verified that the pupil is eligible to
21 participate in the program under this section on the basis of family income. The
22 department of public instruction shall establish a procedure for determining family
23 income eligibility for those pupils for whom no social security number or state or
24 federal tax identification number has been provided.

25 **SECTION 68.** 119.23 (2) (a) 1. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

1 119.23 (2) (a) 1. b. The private school submits to the department of public
2 instruction the names, addresses, social security numbers, and other state and
3 federal tax identification numbers, if any, of the pupil's parents or legal guardians
4 that reside in the same household as the pupil, whether and to whom the parents or
5 legal guardians are married, the names of all of the other members of the pupil's
6 family residing in the same household as the pupil, and the school year for which
7 family income is being verified under this subd. 1. b. The department of revenue
8 shall review the information submitted under this subd. 1. b. and shall verify the
9 eligibility or ineligibility of the pupil to participate in the program under this section
10 on the basis of family income. In this subdivision, "family income" means federal
11 adjusted gross income of the parents or legal guardians residing in the same
12 household as the pupil for the tax year preceding the school year for which family
13 income is being verified under this subd. 1. b. or, if not available, for the tax year
14 preceding the tax year preceding the school year for which family income is being
15 verified under this subd. 1. b. Family income for a family in which the pupil's parents
16 are married or in which the pupil's legal guardians are married shall be reduced by
17 ~~\$7,000~~ \$30,000 before the verification is made under this subd. 1. b. The department
18 of revenue may take no other action on the basis of the information submitted under
19 this subd. 1. b. If the department of revenue is unable to verify family income or to
20 verify whether the pupil is eligible or ineligible to participate in the program under
21 this section on the basis of family income, the department of revenue shall notify the
22 department of public instruction of this fact and the department of public instruction
23 shall utilize an alternative process, to be established by the department of public
24 instruction, to determine whether the pupil is eligible to participate in the program
25 under this section on the basis of family income. The department of public

1 instruction may not request any additional verification of income from the family of
2 a pupil once the department of revenue has verified that the pupil is eligible to
3 participate in the program under this section on the basis of family income. The
4 department of public instruction shall establish a procedure for determining family
5 income eligibility for those pupils for whom no social security number or state or
6 federal tax identification number has been provided.

7 **SECTION 69.** 944.21 (8) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 944.21 (8) (b) 4. Any institution of higher education that is accredited, as
9 described in s. 39.30 (1) (d), 2013 stats., and is exempt from taxation under section
10 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code.

11 **SECTION 70.** 948.11 (4) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 948.11 (4) (b) 4. Any institution of higher education that is accredited, as
13 described in s. 39.30 (1) (d), 2013 stats., and is exempt from taxation under section
14 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code, as defined in s. 71.01 (6).

15 **SECTION 71. Nonstatutory provisions.**

16 (1) TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM OF UNENCUMBERED BALANCES
17 IN REPEALED HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD APPROPRIATIONS. Notwithstanding
18 section 20.002 (3m) of the statutes, on the effective date of this subsection, there is
19 transferred to the appropriation account under section 20.285 (1) (k) of the statutes
20 an amount equal to the unencumbered balances in the appropriation accounts under
21 section 20.235 (1) (b), (fd), (fe), (ff), (fg), (fj), (gm), (k), (ke), and (km) of the statutes,
22 as affected by this act, on the day before the effective date of this subsection. The
23 board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System shall use the amount
24 transferred under this subsection to reduce the tuition charged to enroll in
25 educational programs in that system.

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