

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description eligibility for a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Wisconsin Works program (W-2) under current law, which is administered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. DCF makes job access loans to persons who are eligible for W-2 and who need such loans to obtain or continue employment, including a loan to repair or purchase a vehicle that is needed to obtain or continue employment.

Under this bill, a person is not eligible to receive a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle if the person does not possess a current and valid operator's license. Also under the bill, a person who is on probation, parole, or extended supervision is not eligible to receive a job access loan to purchase a vehicle unless the person provides proof that his or her probation, parole, or extended supervision agent has granted the person permission to purchase a vehicle.

Persons under supervision of the Department of Corrections (DOC) Division of Community Corrections (DCC) on probation, parole, or extended supervision are under various rules of supervision. The rules vary based on committing offense and the criminogenic needs of the offender, as determined by the Probation and Parole Agent in DCC. Rules of supervision may include prohibition from operating and/or owning a vehicle.

Under this bill, a person on probation, parole, or extended supervision would not be eligible for this specific loan type unless the person's Probation and Parole Agent provides permission for the individual to purchase a vehicle. Because whether or not it is suitable for the offender to have a vehicle is already part of the supervision process, it would not be a significant workload change for the Agent to provide the proof required under the bill.

The Department of Corrections anticipates this bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications