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Topic:

W-2 caretaker of an infant time limit

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transitional W-2 placements. The administration's cost-to-continue funding estimate reflects caseload trends that do not account for individuals losing eligibility for these programs due to the current 24-month limit. Consequently, any increase in W-2 costs due to extending eligibility for these placements is effectively funded under the W-2 benefits item.

[Bill Sections: 618, 621, 623 thru 625, 629, and 631]

6. W-2 TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT MATCH PROGRAM

Governor: Modify the maximum weekly number of work hours an individual may work under the temporary employment match program (TEMP), from 40 under current law, to the number of hours negotiated between the W-2 agency and the employer.

In addition, replace statutory references to TEMP with "subsidized employment placement," and repeal references to the trial jobs program, which was replaced by the temporary employment match program in 2013 Act 20.

[Bill Sections: 608, 609, 612 thru 617, 619, 622, 628, 639, 878, 933, 964, 1036, 1109, and 1885]

7. W-2 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER SUBSCRIPTIONS

FED	\$10,600,000
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Governor: Provide \$5,300,000 annually and create a new benefit under the W-2 program that would allow persons who meet the W-2 program's nonfinancial and financial eligibility requirements to apply to DCF for a monthly amount sufficient to pay the cost of an Internet service provider (ISP) subscription or \$57, whichever is lower. Require all applications to include documentation of the ISP and the monthly cost of the subscription. Provide that, if DCF determines that an applicant is eligible, DCF would be required to coordinate with a W-2 agency to make payments on behalf of the person to the appropriate ISP. DCF would be authorized to promulgate emergency rules to implement the W-2 ISP subscription program without the finding of an emergency.

[Bill Sections: 632 and 9106(3)]

8. W-2 CARETAKER OF INFANT TIME LIMIT

FED	\$422,800
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Governor: Increase funding for W-2 benefits by \$377,200 annually to fund costs of extending W-2 benefits by four weeks for custodial parents of infants. Under current law, an individual who meets the nonfinancial and financial eligibility requirements for a W-2 employment position and who is a custodial parent of a child who is eight weeks old or younger is eligible to receive a monthly grant of \$673. The bill would alter the eligibility requirements so that a custodial parent of a child who is twelve weeks old or younger could receive the grant.

Expanding the placement for caretakers of infants also has the estimated effect of decreasing costs in the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program by \$165,800 annually, due to the

anticipated decrease in child care use by parents with infants. [See "Economic Support and TANF-Funded Programs -- Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program."]

[Bill Section: 630]

9. WISCONSIN WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

FED	- \$6,143,400
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Governor: Reduce funding for W-2 contracts by \$3,071,700 annually to reflect estimates of funding that will be needed to support these contracts in the 2019-21 biennium, based on current law. The W-2 contracts fund the costs of subsidized employment placements, work support services, education and training, and agency administration.

[Bill Section: 644]

10. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCREENING, TESTING, AND TREATMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

GPR	- \$500,000
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Governor: Repeal controlled substance screening, testing, and treatment as a condition of eligibility for W-2 placements and other work experience programs. Reduce funding by \$250,000 annually by repealing an appropriation that is intended to fund drug testing and treatment costs.

2015 Act 55 established substance abuse screening, testing, and treatment as an eligibility requirement for three work experience programs administered by DCF: (a) W-2 services for non-custodial parents, including the W-2 trial employment and match program (TEMP) and stipends; (b) the Transform Milwaukee and Transitional Jobs programs; and (c) Children First. Under current law, all new participants in these programs are required to be screened for the abuse of a controlled substance, by answering a questionnaire or another method specified by rule. Based on the answers to the questionnaire, if DCF (or the agency with which DCF has contracted to administer a work program) determines that there is a reasonable suspicion that a participant who is otherwise eligible for a work program is abusing a controlled substance, the participant must undergo a test for the use of a controlled substance in order to remain eligible. If the test is negative for the use of a controlled substance, the applicant remains eligible to participate in the work programs. If the applicant refuses to submit to a test, the applicant is not eligible until the applicant complies with the requirement to undergo a test for the use of a controlled substance. If the test is positive for use of a controlled substance without a valid prescription, then the applicant must participate in substance abuse treatment to remain eligible. While undergoing treatment, a participant must submit to random testing for the use of a controlled substance, and the test results must be negative, or positive with evidence of a valid prescription, in order for the participant to remain eligible. If any test results are positive and the participant does not have a valid prescription, the participant can restart treatment once and remain eligible, as long as all subsequent test results are negative or positive with a valid prescription. An additional failed test results in the participant becoming ineligible for 12 months.

DCF is required to pay all costs of substance abuse treatment not otherwise covered by medical assistance, private insurance, or another type of coverage. DCF is provided base funding



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TO ASSEMBLY BILL 56**

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1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 522, line 7: delete lines 7 to 12.

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