



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 1038

1       **AN ACT** *to renumber* 60.11 (2) (b) and 108.07 (5); *to renumber and amend*  
2           49.688 (1) (c), 70.47 (3) (aL), 108.04 (3), 108.062 (4) and 108.062 (19); *to amend*  
3           13.101 (4), 20.866 (2) (xm), 40.22 (1), 40.22 (2m) (intro.), 40.22 (2r) (intro.), 40.22  
4           (3) (intro.), 40.26 (1m) (a), 40.26 (1m) (b), 40.26 (5) (intro.), 40.51 (8), 40.51 (8m),  
5           66.0137 (4), 70.511 (2) (a), 71.01 (6) (L) 3., 71.22 (4) (L) 3., 71.22 (4m) (L) 3., 71.26  
6           (2) (b) 12. d., 71.34 (1g) (L) 3., 71.42 (2) (L) 3., 71.98 (3), 74.35 (5) (c), 74.37 (4)  
7           (b), 108.04 (13) (d) 3. b., 108.04 (13) (d) 4. b., 108.062 (1) (b), 108.062 (3), 108.062  
8           (15), 108.14 (8n) (e), 108.141 (7) (a), 108.16 (6m) (a), 115.385 (1) (intro.), 115.415  
9           (1) (b), 115.999 (1) (d) 1., 115.999 (2m) (b) 1. a., 118.38 (2) (am) (intro.), 118.38  
10          (3), 118.60 (7) (an) 1., 119.23 (7) (an) 1., 119.33 (2) (b) 3. b., 119.33 (2) (b) 3. c.,  
11          119.33 (5) (b) 2., 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. a., 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. b., 119.9002 (2) (d) 3.  
12          a., 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. b., 119.9004 (3) (b) 2., 120.13 (2) (g), 146.40 (3), 185.983  
13          (1) (intro.), 450.11 (5) (a), 609.83, 625.12 (2), 628.34 (3) (a) and 895.51 (title); and  
14          **to create** 13.101 (4d), 40.26 (5m), 40.26 (6), 49.688 (1) (c) 2., 49.688 (10m), 60.11

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1 (2) (b) 2., 70.47 (3) (aL) 2., 100.307, 102.03 (6), 102.565 (6), 103.13 (2m), 108.04  
2 (2) (d), 108.04 (3) (b), 108.062 (2m), 108.062 (3r), 108.062 (4) (a) 2., 108.062 (19)  
3 (a) and (b), 108.062 (20), 108.07 (5) (bm), 115.385 (6), 115.7915 (8m), 118.38 (4),  
4 118.60 (12), 119.23 (12), 153.23, 323.19 (3), 323.19 (4), 323.265, 323.2911,  
5 323.2912, 323.2913, 323.2915, 440.08 (5), 450.11 (5) (br), 609.205, 609.846,  
6 609.885, 632.729, 632.895 (14g), 632.895 (16v), 895.4801, 895.51 (1) (bd),  
7 895.51 (1) (bg), 895.51 (1) (dp), 895.51 (2r) and 895.51 (3r) of the statutes;  
8 **relating to:** state government response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

9 **SECTION 1.** 13.101 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:  
10 13.101 (4) The committee may transfer between appropriations and programs  
11 if the committee finds that unnecessary duplication of functions can be eliminated,  
12 more efficient and effective methods for performing programs will result or  
13 legislative intent will be more effectively carried out because of such transfer, if  
14 legislative intent will not be changed as the result of such transfer and the purposes  
15 for which the transfer is requested have been authorized or directed by the  
16 legislature. The authority to transfer between appropriations includes the authority  
17 to transfer between 2 fiscal years of the same biennium, between 2 appropriations  
18 of the same agency and between an appropriation of one agency and an appropriation  
19 of a different agency. No transfer between appropriations or programs may be made  
20 to offset deficiencies arising from the lack of adequate expenditure controls by a  
21 department, board, institution, commission or agency. The Except as provided in

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1 sub. (4d), the authority to transfer between appropriations shall not include the  
2 authority to transfer from sum sufficient appropriations as defined under s. 20.001  
3 (3) (d) to other types of appropriations.

4 **SECTION 2.** 13.101 (4d) of the statutes is created to read:

5 13.101 (4d) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020,  
6 by executive order 72, and for a period of 90 days after termination of the emergency,  
7 the committee may transfer under sub. (4) an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 from  
8 sum sufficient appropriations, as defined under s. 20.001 (3) (d), to be used for  
9 expenditures related to the emergency.

10 **SECTION 3.** 20.866 (2) (xm) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 20.866 (2) (xm) *Building commission; refunding tax-supported and*  
12 *self-amortizing general obligation debt.* From the capital improvement fund, a sum  
13 sufficient to refund the whole or any part of any unpaid indebtedness used to finance  
14 tax-supported or self-amortizing facilities. In addition to the amount that may be  
15 contracted under par. (xe), the state may contract public debt in an amount not to  
16 exceed ~~\$6,785,000,000~~ \$7,510,000,000 for this purpose. Such indebtedness shall be  
17 construed to include any premium and interest payable with respect thereto. Debt  
18 incurred by this paragraph shall be repaid under the appropriations providing for  
19 the retirement of public debt incurred for tax-supported and self-amortizing  
20 facilities in proportional amounts to the purposes for which the debt was refinanced.  
21 No moneys may be expended under this paragraph unless the true interest costs to  
22 the state can be reduced by the expenditure.

23 **SECTION 4.** 40.22 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 40.22 (1) Except as otherwise provided in sub. (2) and s. 40.26 (6), each  
25 employee currently in the service of, and receiving earnings from, a state agency or

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1 other participating employer shall be included within the provisions of the Wisconsin  
2 retirement system as a participating employee of that state agency or participating  
3 employer.

4 **SECTION 5.** 40.22 (2m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 40.22 (2m) (intro.) ~~An~~ Except as otherwise provided in s. 40.26 (6), an employee  
6 who was a participating employee before July 1, 2011, who is not expected to work  
7 at least one-third of what is considered full-time employment by the department,  
8 as determined by rule, and who is not otherwise excluded under sub. (2) from  
9 becoming a participating employee shall become a participating employee if he or she  
10 is subsequently employed by the state agency or other participating employer for  
11 either of the following periods:

12 **SECTION 6.** 40.22 (2r) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 40.22 (2r) (intro.) ~~An~~ Except as otherwise provided in s. 40.26 (6), an employee  
14 who was not a participating employee before July 1, 2011, who is not expected to work  
15 at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the department,  
16 as determined by rule, and who is not otherwise excluded under sub. (2) from  
17 becoming a participating employee shall become a participating employee if he or she  
18 is subsequently employed by the state agency or other participating employer for  
19 either of the following periods:

20 **SECTION 7.** 40.22 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 40.22 (3) (intro.) ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in s. 40.26 (6), a person who  
22 qualifies as a participating employee shall be included within, and shall be subject  
23 to, the Wisconsin retirement system effective on one of the following dates:

24 **SECTION 8.** 40.26 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           40.26 (1m) (a) If Except as otherwise provided in sub. (6), if a participant  
2 receiving a retirement annuity, or a disability annuitant who has attained his or her  
3 normal retirement date, is employed in a position in covered employment in which  
4 he or she is expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time  
5 employment by the department, as determined under s. 40.22 (2r), the participant's  
6 annuity shall be suspended and no annuity payment shall be payable until after the  
7 participant terminates covered employment.

8           **SECTION 9.** 40.26 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           40.26 (1m) (b) If Except as otherwise provided in sub. (6), if a participant  
10 receiving a retirement annuity, or a disability annuitant who has attained his or her  
11 normal retirement date, enters into a contract to provide employee services with a  
12 participating employer and he or she is expected to work at least two-thirds of what  
13 is considered full-time employment by the department, as determined under s. 40.22  
14 (2r), the participant's annuity shall be suspended and no annuity payment shall be  
15 payable until after the participant no longer provides employee services under the  
16 contract.

17           **SECTION 10.** 40.26 (5) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           40.26 (5) (intro.) If Except as otherwise provided in sub. (5m), if a participant  
19 applies for an annuity or lump sum payment during the period in which less than 75  
20 days have elapsed between the termination of employment with a participating  
21 employer and becoming a participating employee with any participating employer,  
22 all of the following shall apply:

23           **SECTION 11.** 40.26 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

24           40.26 (5m) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020,  
25 by executive order 72, sub. (5) does not apply if at least 15 days have elapsed between

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1 the termination of employment with a participating employer and becoming a  
2 participating employee if the position for which the participant is hired is a critical  
3 position, as determined by the secretary of health services under s. 323.19 (3).

4 **SECTION 12.** 40.26 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

5 40.26 (6) A participant who is hired during the public health emergency  
6 declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, may elect to not suspend his or  
7 her retirement annuity or disability annuity under sub. (1m) for the duration of the  
8 state of emergency if all of the following conditions are met:

9 (a) At the time the participant terminates his or her employment with a  
10 participating employer, the participant does not have an agreement with any  
11 participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide  
12 employee services for the employer.

13 (b) The position for which the participant has been hired is a critical position,  
14 as determined under s. 323.19 (3).

15 **SECTION 13.** 40.51 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 40.51 (8) Every health care coverage plan offered by the state under sub. (6)  
17 shall comply with ss. 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.729, 632.746  
18 (1) to (8) and (10), 632.747, 632.748, 632.798, 632.83, 632.835, 632.85, 632.853,  
19 632.855, 632.867, 632.87 (3) to (6), 632.885, 632.89, 632.895 (5m) and (8) to (17), and  
20 632.896.

21 **SECTION 14.** 40.51 (8m) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 40.51 (8m) Every health care coverage plan offered by the group insurance  
23 board under sub. (7) shall comply with ss. 631.95, 632.729, 632.746 (1) to (8) and (10),  
24 632.747, 632.748, 632.798, 632.83, 632.835, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.867,  
25 632.885, 632.89, and 632.895 (11) to (17).

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1           **SECTION 15.** 49.688 (1) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 49.688 (1) (c) (intro.)  
2 and amended to read:

3           49.688 (1) (c) (intro.) “Prescription drug” means ~~a~~ any of the following:

4           1. A prescription drug, as defined in s. 450.01 (20), that is included in the drugs  
5 specified under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 6. h. and that is manufactured by a drug manufacturer  
6 that enters into a rebate agreement in force under sub. (6).

7           **SECTION 16.** 49.688 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

8           49.688 (1) (c) 2. A vaccination recommended for administration to adults by the  
9 federal centers for disease control and prevention’s advisory committee on  
10 immunization practices and approved for administration to adults by the  
11 department.

12           **SECTION 17.** 49.688 (10m) of the statutes is created to read:

13           49.688 (10m) (a) Notwithstanding subs. (6) and (7) (a), from the appropriation  
14 accounts under s. 20.435 (4) (bv), (j), and (pg), except as provided under sub. (7) (b),  
15 the department shall, under a schedule that is identical to that used by the  
16 department for payment of claims under the Medical Assistance program, provide  
17 to health care providers who administer vaccinations, including pharmacies and  
18 pharmacists, payments for vaccinations, as described under sub. (1) (c) 2., that are  
19 administered by health care providers to persons eligible under sub. (2) who have  
20 paid the deductible specified under sub. (3) (b) 1. or 2., or who, under sub. (3) (b) 1.,  
21 are not required to pay a deductible. The reimbursement to a health care provider  
22 for each vaccination under this subsection shall be at the rate of payment made for  
23 the identical vaccination under s. 49.46 (2) (b), plus a dispensing fee that is equal to  
24 the dispensing fee permitted to be charged for vaccinations for which coverage is  
25 provided under s. 49.46 (2) (b). The department shall devise and distribute a claim

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1 form for use by health care providers under this subsection and may limit payment  
2 under this subsection to those vaccinations for which payment claims are submitted  
3 by health care providers directly to the department. The department may apply to  
4 the program under this subsection the same utilization and cost control procedures  
5 that apply under rules promulgated by the department to medical assistance under  
6 subch. IV of ch. 49.

7 (b) The department may provide payment for a vaccination under this  
8 subsection only after deducting the amount of any payment for the vaccination  
9 available from other sources.

10 **SECTION 18.** 60.11 (2) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 60.11 (2) (b) 1.

11 **SECTION 19.** 60.11 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

12 60.11 (2) (b) 2. The town board or, if the town board is unable to promptly meet,  
13 the town chair may postpone the annual town meeting to a date that is not during  
14 the period beginning on the first day of the public health emergency declared on  
15 March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and ending 60 days after the termination of  
16 that order.

17 **SECTION 20.** 66.0137 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 66.0137 (4) SELF-INSURED HEALTH PLANS. If a city, including a 1st class city, or  
19 a village provides health care benefits under its home rule power, or if a town  
20 provides health care benefits, to its officers and employees on a self-insured basis,  
21 the self-insured plan shall comply with ss. 49.493 (3) (d), 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2),  
22 632.729, 632.746 (10) (a) 2. and (b) 2., 632.747 (3), 632.798, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855,  
23 632.867, 632.87 (4) to (6), 632.885, 632.89, 632.895 (9) to (17), 632.896, and 767.513  
24 (4).



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1           **SECTION 21.** 70.47 (3) (aL) of the statutes is renumbered 70.47 (3) (aL) 1. and  
2 amended to read:

3           70.47 (3) (aL) 1. If Except as provided in subd. 2., if the assessment roll is not  
4 completed at the time of the first meeting, the board shall adjourn for the time  
5 necessary to complete the roll, and shall post a written notice on the outer door of the  
6 place of meeting stating the time to which the meeting is adjourned.

7           **SECTION 22.** 70.47 (3) (aL) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

8           70.47 (3) (aL) 2. Regardless of whether the 2020 assessment roll is completed  
9 at the time of the 45-day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, the board may  
10 publish a class 1 notice under ch. 985 that the board has adjourned and will proceed  
11 under sub. (2).

12           **SECTION 22d.** 70.511 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           70.511 (2) (a) If the reviewing authority has not made a determination prior  
14 to the time of the tax levy with respect to a particular objection to the amount,  
15 valuation or taxability of property, the tax levy on the property or person shall be  
16 based on the contested assessed value of the property. A tax bill shall be sent to, and  
17 paid by, the person subject to the tax levy as though there had been no objection filed,  
18 except that the payment shall be considered to be made under protest. The entire  
19 tax bill shall be paid when due under s. 74.11, 74.12 or 74.87 even though the  
20 reviewing authority has reduced the assessment prior to the time for full payment  
21 of the tax billed. The requirement to pay a tax timely under this paragraph does not  
22 apply to taxes due and payable in 2020 if paid by October 1, 2020, or by any  
23 installment date for which taxes are due after October 1, 2020.

24           **SECTION 23.** 71.01 (6) (L) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           71.01 (6) (L) 3. For purposes of this paragraph, “Internal Revenue Code” does  
2 not include amendments to the federal Internal Revenue Code enacted after  
3 December 31, 2017, except that “Internal Revenue Code” includes sections 1106,  
4 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2307, 3608, 3609, 3701, and 3702 of division A of P.L.  
5 116-136.

6           **SECTION 24.** 71.22 (4) (L) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

7           71.22 (4) (L) 3. For purposes of this paragraph, “Internal Revenue Code” does  
8 not include amendments to the federal Internal Revenue Code enacted after  
9 December 31, 2017, except that “Internal Revenue Code” includes sections 1106,  
10 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2307, 3608, 3609, 3701, and 3702 of division A of P.L.  
11 116-136.

12           **SECTION 25.** 71.22 (4m) (L) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

13           71.22 (4m) (L) 3. For purposes of this paragraph, “Internal Revenue Code” does  
14 not include amendments to the federal Internal Revenue Code enacted after  
15 December 31, 2017, except that “Internal Revenue Code” includes sections 1106,  
16 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2307, 3608, 3609, 3701, and 3702 of division A of P.L.  
17 116-136.

18           **SECTION 26.** 71.26 (2) (b) 12. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

19           71.26 (2) (b) 12. d. For purposes of subd. 12. a., “Internal Revenue Code” does  
20 not include amendments to the federal Internal Revenue Code enacted after  
21 December 31, 2017, except that “Internal Revenue Code” includes sections 1106,  
22 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2307, 3608, 3609, 3701, and 3702 of division A of P.L.  
23 116-136.

24           **SECTION 27.** 71.34 (1g) (L) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           71.34 (1g) (L) 3. For purposes of this paragraph, “Internal Revenue Code” does  
2 not include amendments to the federal Internal Revenue Code enacted after  
3 December 31, 2017, except that “Internal Revenue Code” includes sections 1106,  
4 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2307, 3608, 3609, 3701, and 3702 of division A of P.L.  
5 116-136.

6           **SECTION 28.** 71.42 (2) (L) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

7           71.42 (2) (L) 3. For purposes of this paragraph, “Internal Revenue Code” does  
8 not include amendments to the federal Internal Revenue Code enacted after  
9 December 31, 2017, except that “Internal Revenue Code” includes sections 1106,  
10 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2307, 3608, 3609, 3701, and 3702 of division A of P.L.  
11 116-136.

12           **SECTION 29.** 71.98 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           71.98 (3) DEPRECIATION, DEPLETION, AND AMORTIZATION. For taxable years  
14 beginning after December 31, 2013, and for purposes of computing depreciation and  
15 amortization, the Internal Revenue Code means the federal Internal Revenue Code  
16 in effect for federal purposes on January 1, 2014, except that sections 13201 (f),  
17 13203, 13204, and 13205 of P.L. 115-97 and section 2307 of division A of P.L. 116-136  
18 apply at the same time as for federal purposes. For taxable years beginning after  
19 December 31, 2013, and for purposes of computing depletion, the Internal Revenue  
20 Code means the federal Internal Revenue Code in effect for federal purposes for the  
21 year in which the property is placed in service.

22           **SECTION 30.** 74.35 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           74.35 (5) (c) No claim may be filed or maintained under this section unless the  
24 tax for which the claim is filed, or any authorized installment payment of the tax, is  
25 timely paid under s. 74.11, 74.12 or 74.87. This paragraph does not apply to taxes

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1 due and payable in 2020 if paid by October 1, 2020, or by any installment date for  
2 which taxes are due after October 1, 2020.

3 **SECTION 31.** 74.37 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 74.37 (4) (b) No claim or action for an excessive assessment may be brought or  
5 maintained under this section unless the tax for which the claim is filed, or any  
6 authorized installment of the tax, is timely paid under s. 74.11 or 74.12. This  
7 paragraph does not apply to taxes due and payable in 2020 if paid by October 1, 2020,  
8 or by any installment date for which taxes are due after October 1, 2020.

9 **SECTION 32.** 100.307 of the statutes is created to read:

10 **100.307 Returns during emergency; prohibition. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this  
11 section:

12 (a) "Food product" has the meaning given in s. 93.01 (6).

13 (b) "Personal care product" has the meaning given in s. 299.50 (1) (b).

14 **(2) CERTAIN RETURNS PROHIBITED DURING EMERGENCY.** Except as provided in sub.  
15 (3), no person who sells food products, personal care products, cleaning products, or  
16 paper products at retail may accept a return of a food product, personal care product,  
17 cleaning product, or paper product during the public health emergency declared on  
18 March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, or during the 30 days immediately after the  
19 public health emergency ends.

20 **(3) EXCEPTIONS.** A person who sells food products, personal care products,  
21 cleaning products, or paper products at retail may accept a return of a food product,  
22 personal care product, cleaning product, or paper product if any of the following  
23 applies:

24 (a) The product is returned no more than 7 days after purchase.

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1 (b) The product is adulterated within the meaning of s. 97.02 or defective as a  
2 result of a production error or defect.

3 (4) OTHER RETURNS ALLOWED. A retailer may accept a return of a product that  
4 is not prohibited by sub. (2).

5 **SECTION 33.** 102.03 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

6 102.03 (6) (a) In this subsection, “first responder” means an employee of or  
7 volunteer for an employer that provides fire fighting, law enforcement, or medical  
8 treatment of COVID-19, and who has regular, direct contact with, or is regularly in  
9 close proximity to, patients or other members of the public requiring emergency  
10 services, within the scope of the individual’s work for the employer.

11 (b) For the purposes of benefits under this chapter, where an injury to a first  
12 responder is found to be caused by COVID-19 during the public health emergency  
13 declared by the governor under s. 323.10 on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72,  
14 and ending 30 days after the termination of the order, and where the employee has  
15 been exposed to persons with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the course of  
16 employment, the injury is presumed to be caused by the individual’s employment.

17 (c) An injury claimed under par. (b) must be accompanied by a specific diagnosis  
18 by a physician or by a positive COVID-19 test.

19 (d) An injury claimed under par. (b) may be rebutted by specific evidence that  
20 the injury was caused by exposure to COVID-19 outside of the first responder’s work  
21 for the employer.

22 **SECTION 34.** 102.565 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

23 102.565 (6) This section does not apply to an employee whose claim of injury  
24 is presumed to be caused by employment under s. 102.03 (6).

25 **SECTION 35.** 103.13 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           103.13 **(2m)** EMPLOYEE RECORDS DURING AN EMERGENCY. Notwithstanding sub.  
2           (2), during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive  
3           order 72, an employer is not required to provide an employee's personnel records  
4           within 7 working days after an employee makes a request to inspect his or her  
5           personnel records, and an employer is not required to provide the inspection at a  
6           location reasonably near the employee's place of employment during normal working  
7           hours.

8           **SECTION 36.** 108.04 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

9           108.04 **(2)** (d) If required under s. 108.07 (5) (bm), each claimant shall and each  
10          employer shall under s. 108.09 (1) or when otherwise requested by the department,  
11          indicate whether a claim for regular benefits is related to the public health  
12          emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72. The department may  
13          specify the information required to be provided under this paragraph.

14          **SECTION 37.** 108.04 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 108.04 (3) (a) and  
15          amended to read:

16          108.04 **(3)** (a) The Subject to par. (b), the first week of a claimant's benefit year  
17          for which the claimant has timely applied and is otherwise eligible for regular  
18          benefits under this chapter is the claimant's waiting period for that benefit year.

19          **SECTION 38.** 108.04 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

20          108.04 **(3)** (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply with respect to benefit years that  
21          begin after March 12, 2020, and before February 7, 2021. The department shall seek  
22          the maximum amount of federal reimbursement for benefits that are, during the  
23          time period specified in this paragraph, payable for the first week of a claimant's  
24          benefit year as a result of the application of this paragraph.

25          **SECTION 39.** 108.04 (13) (d) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           108.04 **(13)** (d) 3. b. If recovery of an overpayment is not permitted under s.  
2           108.22 (8) (c), restore the proper amount to the employer's account and charge that  
3           amount to the fund's balancing account unless s. 108.07 (5) ~~(e)~~ (am) 3. applies.

4           **SECTION 40.** 108.04 (13) (d) 4. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

5           108.04 **(13)** (d) 4. b. If recovery of an overpayment is not permitted under s.  
6           108.22 (8) (c), restore the proper amount to the employer's account and charge that  
7           amount in accordance with s. 108.07 (5) (am).

8           **SECTION 41.** 108.062 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           108.062 **(1)** (b) "Work-share program" means a program approved by the  
10          department under which the hours of work of employees ~~in a work unit~~ are reduced  
11          in lieu of the layoffs of 2 or more employees ~~in the work unit~~.

12          **SECTION 42.** 108.062 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

13          108.062 **(2m)** APPLICATIONS; DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE. The department shall  
14          allow employers to submit applications under this section using an online form. The  
15          department shall provide assistance to employers with submitting applications and  
16          developing work-share plans.

17          **SECTION 43.** 108.062 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

18          108.062 **(3)** APPROVAL OF PLANS. The department shall approve a plan if the plan  
19          includes all of the elements specified in sub. (2) or (20), whichever is applicable. The  
20          approval is effective for the effective period of the plan unless modified under sub.  
21          (3m).

22          **SECTION 43m.** 108.062 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:

23          108.062 **(3r)** APPLICABILITY OF LAWS. A work-share program shall be governed  
24          by the law that was in effect when the plan or modification was last approved under  
25          sub. (3) or (3m), until the program ends as provided in sub. (4), but an employer with

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1 a work-share program governed by sub. (2) may, while sub. (20) is in effect, apply for  
2 a modification under sub. (3m), and that modification application shall be governed  
3 by sub. (20).

4 **SECTION 44.** 108.062 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 108.062 (4) (a) 1. and  
5 amended to read:

6 108.062 (4) (a) 1. ~~A~~ Except as provided in subd. 2., a work-share program  
7 becomes effective on the later of the Sunday of the 2nd week beginning after approval  
8 of a work-share plan under sub. (3) or any Sunday after that day specified in the  
9 plan.

10 (b) A work-share program ends on the earlier of the last Sunday that precedes  
11 the end of the 6-month period beginning on the effective date of the program or any  
12 Sunday before that day specified in the plan unless the program terminates on an  
13 earlier date under sub. (5), (14), or (15).

14 **SECTION 45.** 108.062 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

15 108.062 (4) (a) 2. With respect to a work-share plan approved during a period  
16 described under sub. (20), the work-share program becomes effective on the later of  
17 the Sunday of or after approval of a work-share plan under sub. (3) or any Sunday  
18 after that day specified in the plan.

19 **SECTION 46.** 108.062 (15) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 108.062 (15) INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION. If in any week there are fewer than 20  
21 employees who are included in a work-share program of any employer, the program  
22 terminates on the 2nd Sunday following the end of that week. This subsection does  
23 not apply to a work-share program to which sub. (20) applies.

24 **SECTION 47.** 108.062 (19) of the statutes is renumbered 108.062 (19) (intro.) and  
25 amended to read:



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1           108.062 (19) SECRETARY MAY WAIVE COMPLIANCE. (intro.) The secretary may  
2       ~~waive compliance with any requirement under this section do any of the following~~  
3       if the secretary determines that ~~waiver of the requirement~~ doing so is necessary to  
4       permit continued certification of this chapter for grants to this state under Title III  
5       of the federal Social Security Act, for maximum credit allowances to employers under  
6       the federal Unemployment Tax Act, or for this state to qualify for full federal  
7       financial participation in the cost of administration of this section and financing of  
8       benefits to employees participating in work-share programs under this section.;

9           **SECTION 47m.** 108.062 (19) (a) and (b) of the statutes are created to read:

10          108.062 (19) (a) Waive compliance with any requirement under this section.

11          (b) Waive the application of sub. (20), in whole or in part, to the extent necessary  
12       for any of the purposes specified in this subsection or, to the extent necessary for any  
13       of those purposes, require the continued application of any requirement under sub.  
14       (2).

15          **SECTION 48.** 108.062 (20) of the statutes is created to read:

16          108.062 (20) SUSPENSIONS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS. Notwithstanding sub. (2),  
17       this subsection, and not sub. (2), applies to work-share plans submitted on or after  
18       the effective date of this subsection .... [LRB inserts date], and before December 31,  
19       2020, subject to sub. (19). During that period, prior to implementing a work-share  
20       program, an employer shall submit a work-share plan for the approval of the  
21       department. In its submittal, the employer shall certify that its plan is in compliance  
22       with all requirements under this section. Each plan shall:

23          (a) Specify the affected positions, and the names of the employees filling those  
24       positions on the date of submittal. The plan need not be limited to a particular work  
25       unit.

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1 (b) Provide for initial coverage under the plan of at least 2 positions that are  
2 filled on the effective date of the work-share program.

3 (c) Specify the period or periods when the plan will be in effect, which may not  
4 exceed a total of 6 months in any 5-year period within the same work unit.

5 (d) Exclude participation by employees who are employed on a seasonal,  
6 temporary, or intermittent basis.

7 (e) Apply only to employees who have been engaged in employment with the  
8 employer for a period of at least 3 months on the effective date of the work-share  
9 program and who are regularly employed by the employer in that employment.

10 (f) Specify the normal average hours per week worked by each employee in the  
11 work unit and the percentage reduction in the average hours of work per week  
12 worked by that employee, exclusive of overtime hours, which shall be applied in a  
13 uniform manner and which shall be at least 10 percent of the normal hours per week  
14 of that employee but not more than whichever of the following is greater:

15 1. Sixty percent of the normal hours per week of that employee.

16 2. The maximum percent reduction of the normal hours per week of that  
17 employee that is permissible under federal law.

18 (g) Describe the manner in which requirements for maximum federal financial  
19 participation in the plan will be implemented, including a plan for giving notice,  
20 where feasible, to participating employees of changes in work schedules.

21 (h) Provide an estimate of the number of layoffs that would occur without  
22 implementation of the plan.

23 (i) Specify the effect on any fringe benefits provided by the employer to the  
24 employees who are included in the work-share program other than fringe benefits  
25 required by law.

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1 (j) Include a statement affirming that the plan is in compliance with all  
2 employer obligations under applicable federal and state laws.

3 (k) Indicate whether the plan includes employer-sponsored training to  
4 enhance job skills and acknowledge that the employees may participate in training  
5 funded under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, 29 USC 3101  
6 to 3361, or another federal law that enhances job skills without affecting availability  
7 for work, subject to department approval.

8 **SECTION 49.** 108.07 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 108.07 (5) (am).

9 **SECTION 50.** 108.07 (5) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

10 108.07 (5) (bm) 1. The department shall, when processing initial claims for  
11 regular benefits, determine whether a claim or plan is related to the public health  
12 emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72. If a claim is so related,  
13 the regular benefits for that claim shall, except as provided in subd. 2., be paid as  
14 provided in subd. 3.

15 2. a. Subdivision 1. applies only with respect to benefits payable for weeks  
16 beginning after March 12, 2020, and beginning before December 31, 2020.

17 b. Subdivision 1. does not apply if the employer fails to timely and adequately  
18 provide any information required by the department under s. 108.04 (2) (d).

19 c. Subdivision 1. does not apply with respect to any benefits paid or reimbursed  
20 by the federal government, or any portion thereof, including the portion of any  
21 benefits reimbursed by the federal government for reimbursable employers, as  
22 defined in s. 108.155 (1) (b).

23 d. In the case of a claim for regular benefits that is a combined wage claim, as  
24 defined in s. 108.04 (13) (g) 1. a., subd. 1. applies only with respect to this state's share  
25 of benefits.

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1 e. Subdivision 1. does not apply with respect to work-share benefits under s.  
2 108.062 (6).

3 f. Subdivision 1. does not apply to benefits chargeable as provided in sub. (7).  
4 3. Charges for benefits to which subd. 1. applies shall, notwithstanding any  
5 other provision of this chapter, be paid or reimbursed as follows:

6 a. For employers subject to the contribution requirements of ss. 108.17 and  
7 108.18, the benefits shall be charged to the fund's balancing account.

8 b. For reimbursable employers, as defined in s. 108.155 (1) (b), the benefits  
9 shall be paid in the manner provided under par. (am) 1.

10 **SECTION 51.** 108.14 (8n) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 108.14 (8n) (e) The department shall charge this state's share of any benefits  
12 paid under this subsection to the account of each employer by which the employee  
13 claiming benefits was employed in the applicable base period, in proportion to the  
14 total amount of wages he or she earned from each employer in the base period, except  
15 that if s. 108.04 (1) (f), (5), (7) (a), (c), (cg), (e), (L), (q), (s), or (t), (7m) or (8) (a) or (b),  
16 108.07 (3), (3r), or (5) ~~(b)~~ (am) 2., or 108.133 (3) (f) would have applied to employment  
17 by such an employer who is subject to the contribution requirements of ss. 108.17 and  
18 108.18, the department shall charge the share of benefits based on employment with  
19 that employer to the fund's balancing account, or, if s. 108.04 (1) (f) or (5) or 108.07  
20 (3) would have applied to an employer that is not subject to the contribution  
21 requirements of ss. 108.17 and 108.18, the department shall charge the share of  
22 benefits based on that employment in accordance with s. 108.07 (5) ~~(a) and (b)~~ (am)  
23 1. and 2. The department shall also charge the fund's balancing account with any  
24 other state's share of such benefits pending reimbursement by that state.

25 **SECTION 52.** 108.141 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           108.141 (7) (a) The department shall charge the state's share of each week of  
2           extended benefits to each employer's account in proportion to the employer's share  
3           of the total wages of the employee receiving the benefits in the employee's base  
4           period, except that if the employer is subject to the contribution requirements of ss.  
5           108.17 and 108.18 the department shall charge the share of extended benefits to  
6           which s. 108.04 (1) (f), (5), (7) (a), (c), (cg), (e), (L), (q), (s), or (t), (7m) or (8) (a) or (b),  
7           108.07 (3), (3r), or (5) ~~(b)~~ (am) 2., or 108.133 (3) (f) applies to the fund's balancing  
8           account.

9           **SECTION 53.** 108.16 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           108.16 **(6m)** (a) The benefits thus chargeable under s. 108.04 (1) (f), (5), (5g),  
11           (7) (h), (8) (a) or (b), (13) (c) or (d) or (16) (e), 108.07 (3), (3r), (5) ~~(b)~~ (am) 2. and (bm)  
12           3. a., (5m), ~~or and~~ (6), 108.133 (3) (f), 108.14 (8n) (e), 108.141, 108.151, or 108.152 or  
13           sub. (6) (e) or (7) (a) and (b).

14           **SECTION 54.** 115.385 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           115.385 **(1)** (intro.) Annually Except as provided in sub. (6), annually by  
16           November 30, the department shall publish a school and school district  
17           accountability report that includes all of the following components:

18           **SECTION 55.** 115.385 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

19           115.385 **(6)** The department shall not publish a school and school district  
20           accountability report under this section in the 2020-21 school year.

21           **SECTION 56.** 115.415 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           115.415 **(1)** (b) For the evaluation of teachers and principals in the 2014-15  
23           2019-20 school year, the school board and the operator of a charter school established  
24           under s. 118.40 (2r) may not consider pupil performance on statewide assessments  
25           administered under s. 118.30 in the 2014-15 2019-20 school year and may not

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1 include pupil performance on those assessments in the evaluation score assigned to  
2 a teacher or principal under the educator effectiveness evaluation system developed  
3 under this section.

4 **SECTION 57.** 115.7915 (8m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 115.7915 **(8m)** PUBLIC HEALTH EXCEPTION. During the public health emergency  
6 declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, if a private school participating  
7 in the program under this section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year  
8 by a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health  
9 services, in the school year during which the school is closed and the following school  
10 year, the department may not withhold payment from the private school under sub.  
11 (8) (c) or bar the private school from participating in the program under sub. (8) (a)  
12 for failing to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated  
13 under this section if all of the following occur:

14 (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains  
15 how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the  
16 requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of  
17 not complying with the requirement.

18 (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with  
19 the requirement was caused by the closure.

20 **SECTION 58.** 115.999 (1) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

21 115.999 **(1)** (d) 1. The school district was assigned to the lowest performance  
22 category on the 2 most recent accountability reports published for the district under  
23 s. 115.385 (1) ~~in the 2 most recent school years.~~

24 **SECTION 59.** 115.999 (2m) (b) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           115.999 **(2m)** (b) 1. a. The unified school district was assigned to the lowest  
2 performance category on the 3 most recent accountability reports published for the  
3 district under s. 115.385 (1) ~~in the 3 most recent school years.~~

4           **SECTION 60.** 118.38 (2) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           118.38 **(2)** (am) (intro.) In determining whether to grant the a waiver under  
6 sub. (1), the department shall consider all of the following factors and may consider  
7 additional factors:

8           **SECTION 61.** 118.38 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9           118.38 **(3)** A waiver granted under sub. (2) is effective for 4 years. The  
10 department shall renew the waiver for additional 4-year periods if the school board  
11 has evaluated the educational and financial effects of the waiver over the previous  
12 4-year period, except that the department is not required to renew a waiver if the  
13 department determines that the school district is not making adequate progress  
14 toward improving pupil academic performance.

15           **SECTION 62.** 118.38 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

16           118.38 **(4)** (a) Beginning on the first day of the public health emergency  
17 declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and ending on October 31, 2020,  
18 the department may do all of the following:

19           1. Waive any requirement in chs. 115 to 121 or the administrative rules  
20 promulgated by the department under the authority of those chapters related to any  
21 of the following:

22           a. A program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23.

23           b. A private school participating in a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or  
24 119.23.

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1 c. A charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x), including any requirement  
2 related to an authorizer, governing board, or operator of a charter school under s.  
3 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

4 2. Establish an alternate deadline for any requirement related to a program  
5 under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 in chs. 115 to 121 and any requirement related  
6 to a program under s. 115.7915, 118.60, or 119.23 in the administrative rules  
7 promulgated by the department under the authority of chs. 115 to 121 if the original  
8 deadline is any of the following:

9 a. A deadline that occurs during the period beginning on the first day of the  
10 public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and  
11 ending on October 31, 2020.

12 b. A deadline for a requirement that affects a date during the period beginning  
13 on the first day of the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by  
14 executive order 72, and ending on October 31, 2020.

15 (b) 1. The department shall notify the legislative reference bureau of each  
16 waiver under par. (a) 1. and alternate deadline established under par. (a) 2. The  
17 legislative reference bureau shall publish a notice in the Wisconsin Administrative  
18 Register of the waiver or alternate deadline.

19 2. The department shall post each waiver under par. (a) 1. and alternate  
20 deadline established under par. (a) 2. on the department's Internet site.

21 (c) A waiver under par. (a) 1. applies only to the 2019-20 school year.

22 **SECTION 63.** 118.60 (7) (an) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 118.60 (7) (an) 1. A private school participating in the program under this  
24 section shall maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its  
25 reserve balance. If a private school does not maintain a cash and investment balance



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1 that is at least equal to its reserve balance, the private school shall refund the reserve  
2 balance to the department. This subdivision does not apply to a school year that  
3 occurs during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive  
4 order 72.

5 3. If a private school ceases to participate in or is barred from the program  
6 under this section and s. 119.23 and the private school's reserve balance is positive,  
7 the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department.

8 **SECTION 64.** 118.60 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

9 118.60 (12) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020,  
10 by executive order 72, if a private school participating in the program under this  
11 section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer,  
12 as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services, in the school year  
13 during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may  
14 not withhold payment from the private school under sub. (10) (d) or bar the private  
15 school from participating in the program under sub. (10) (a), (am), or (ar) for failing  
16 to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this  
17 section if all of the following occur:

18 (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains  
19 how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the  
20 requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of  
21 not complying with the requirement.

22 (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with  
23 the requirement was caused by the closure.

24 **SECTION 65.** 119.23 (7) (an) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           119.23 (7) (an) 1. A private school participating in the program under this  
2 section shall maintain a cash and investment balance that is at least equal to its  
3 reserve balance. If a private school does not maintain a cash and investment balance  
4 that is at least equal to its reserve balance, the private school shall refund the reserve  
5 balance to the department. This subdivision does not apply to a school year that  
6 occurs during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive  
7 order 72.

8           3. If a private school ceases to participate in or is barred from the program  
9 under this section and s. 118.60 and the private school's reserve balance is positive,  
10 the private school shall refund the reserve balance to the department.

11           **SECTION 66.** 119.23 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

12           119.23 (12) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020,  
13 by executive order 72, if a private school participating in the program under this  
14 section is closed for at least 10 school days in a school year by a local health officer,  
15 as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or the department of health services, in the school year  
16 during which the school is closed and the following school year, the department may  
17 not withhold payment from the private school under sub. (10) (d) or bar the private  
18 school from participating in the program under sub. (10) (a), (am), or (ar) for failing  
19 to comply with a requirement under this section or a rule promulgated under this  
20 section if all of the following occur:

21           (a) The private school submits information to the department that explains  
22 how the school closure impacted the private school's ability to comply with the  
23 requirement and any action the private school took to mitigate the consequences of  
24 not complying with the requirement.

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1 (b) The department determines that the private school's failure to comply with  
2 the requirement was caused by the closure.

3 **SECTION 67.** 119.33 (2) (b) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 119.33 (2) (b) 3. b. A person who is operating a charter school. The  
5 superintendent of schools may proceed under this subd. 3. b. only if one of the  
6 following applies: the performance on the most recent examinations administered  
7 under s. 118.30 (1r) of pupils attending a school operated by the person exceeds the  
8 performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1) of  
9 pupils attending the school being transferred to the person under this subdivision;  
10 or, in each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports published under s.  
11 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school operated by the person on  
12 accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for the school in each of the 3  
13 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the performance category assigned to the  
14 school being transferred to the person under this subdivision in each of the 3  
15 preceding consecutive school years. If fewer than 3 accountability reports have been  
16 published for a charter school described in this subd. 3. b., the superintendent of  
17 schools shall determine an alternative method for comparing the school's  
18 performance.

19 **SECTION 68.** 119.33 (2) (b) 3. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 119.33 (2) (b) 3. c. The governing body of a nonsectarian private school  
21 participating in a program under s. 118.60 or 119.23. The superintendent of schools  
22 may proceed under this subd. 3. c. only if one of the following applies: the  
23 performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1s) or  
24 (1t) of pupils attending a school operated by the governing body exceeds the  
25 performance on the most recent examinations administered under s. 118.30 (1) of

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1 pupils attending the school being transferred to the governing body under this  
2 subdivision; or, in each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability reports  
3 published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school  
4 operated by the governing body ~~on accountability reports published under s. 115.385~~  
5 ~~(1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years~~ exceeds the  
6 performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the governing body  
7 under this subdivision ~~in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years~~. If fewer  
8 than 3 accountability reports have been published for a private school described in  
9 this subd. 3. c., the superintendent of schools shall determine an alternative method  
10 for comparing the school's performance.

11 **SECTION 69.** 119.33 (5) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 119.33 (5) (b) 2. The school district operating under this chapter has been  
13 assigned ~~in the 3 most recent school years~~ a performance category of "fails to meet  
14 expectations" on the 3 most recent accountability report reports published under s.  
15 115.385 (1).

16 **SECTION 70.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. a. The performance, on the most recent examinations  
18 administered under s. 118.30 (1r), of pupils attending a school operated by the person  
19 exceeds the performance, on the most recent examinations administered under s.  
20 118.30 (1), of pupils attending the school being transferred to the person under this  
21 subdivision.

22 **SECTION 71.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 119.9002 (2) (d) 2. b. ~~The~~ In each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability  
24 reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school  
25 operated by the person ~~on accountability reports published under s. 115.385 (1) for~~

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1 ~~the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years~~ exceeds the  
2 performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the person under  
3 this subdivision ~~in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years~~. If fewer than  
4 3 accountability reports have been published for a school described in this subd. 2.  
5 b., the commissioner shall determine an alternative method for comparing the  
6 school's performance.

7 **SECTION 72.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. a. The performance, on the most recent examinations  
9 administered under s. 118.30 (1s) or (1t), of pupils attending a school operated by the  
10 governing body exceeds the performance, on the most recent examinations  
11 administered under s. 118.30 (1), of pupils attending the school being transferred to  
12 the governing body under this subdivision.

13 **SECTION 73.** 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

14 119.9002 (2) (d) 3. b. The In each of the 3 preceding consecutive accountability  
15 reports published under s. 115.385 (1), the performance category assigned to a school  
16 operated by the governing body on accountability reports published under s. 115.385  
17 (1) for the school in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years exceeds the  
18 performance category assigned to the school being transferred to the governing body  
19 under this subdivision ~~in each of the 3 preceding consecutive school years~~. If fewer  
20 than 3 accountability reports have been published for a private school described in  
21 this subd. 3. b., the commissioner shall determine an alternative method for  
22 comparing the school's performance.

23 **SECTION 74.** 119.9004 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 119.9004 (3) (b) 2. The school district operating under this chapter has been  
25 assigned ~~in the 3 most recent school years a~~ performance category of "fails to meet

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1 expectations” on the 3 most recent accountability report reports published under s.  
2 115.385 (1).

3 **SECTION 75.** 120.13 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 120.13 (2) (g) Every self-insured plan under par. (b) shall comply with ss.  
5 49.493 (3) (d), 631.89, 631.90, 631.93 (2), 632.729, 632.746 (10) (a) 2. and (b) 2.,  
6 632.747 (3), 632.798, 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.867, 632.87 (4) to (6), 632.885,  
7 632.89, 632.895 (9) to (17), 632.896, and 767.513 (4).

8 **SECTION 76.** 146.40 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 146.40 (3) Except as provided in sub. (4d), the department shall approve  
10 instructional programs for nurse aides that apply for, and satisfy standards for,  
11 approval that are promulgated by rule by the department. The department may not  
12 require an instructional program to exceed the federally required minimum total  
13 training hours or minimum hours of supervised practical training under 42 CFR  
14 483.152 (a). The department shall review the curriculum of each approved  
15 instructional program at least once every 24 months following the date of approval  
16 to determine whether the program continues to satisfy the standards for approval.  
17 Under this subsection, the department may, after providing notice, suspend or  
18 revoke the approval of an instructional program or impose a plan of correction on the  
19 program if the program fails to satisfy the standards for approval or operates under  
20 conditions that are other than those contained in the application approved by the  
21 department.

22 **SECTION 77.** 153.23 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **153.23 Public health emergency dashboard.** (1) In this section, “public  
24 health emergency related to the 2019 novel coronavirus” means the period covered  
25 by any of the following:

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1 (a) The national emergency declared by the U.S. president under 50 USC 1621  
2 on March 13, 2020, in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus.

3 (b) The public health emergency declared under 42 USC 247d by the secretary  
4 of the federal department of health and human services on January 31, 2020, in  
5 response to the 2019 novel coronavirus.

6 (c) The state of emergency related to public health declared under s. 323.10 on  
7 March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

8 **(2)** During the public health emergency related to the 2019 novel coronavirus,  
9 the entity under contract under s. 153.05 (2m) (a) shall prepare and publish a public  
10 health emergency dashboard using health care emergency preparedness program  
11 information collected by the state from acute care hospitals. A dashboard published  
12 under this section shall include information to assist emergency response planning  
13 activities. For purposes of this section, the entity and the department shall enter into  
14 a data use agreement and mutually agree to the health care emergency preparedness  
15 program information the department will provide to the entity, the information the  
16 entity will include in the dashboard, any publication schedule, and any other terms  
17 considered necessary by the entity or the department.

18 **SECTION 78.** 185.983 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 185.983 (1) (intro.) Every voluntary nonprofit health care plan operated by a  
20 cooperative association organized under s. 185.981 shall be exempt from chs. 600 to  
21 646, with the exception of ss. 601.04, 601.13, 601.31, 601.41, 601.42, 601.43, 601.44,  
22 601.45, 611.26, 611.67, 619.04, 623.11, 623.12, 628.34 (10), 631.17, 631.89, 631.93,  
23 631.95, 632.72 (2), 632.729, 632.745 to 632.749, 632.775, 632.79, 632.795, 632.798,  
24 632.85, 632.853, 632.855, 632.867, 632.87 (2) to (6), 632.885, 632.89, 632.895 (5) and

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1 (8) to (17), 632.896, and 632.897 (10) and chs. 609, 620, 630, 635, 645, and 646, but  
2 the sponsoring association shall:

3 **SECTION 79.** 323.19 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

4 323.19 (3) Based on guidance provided by the secretary of health services, the  
5 head of each state agency and each local health department shall determine which  
6 public employee positions within the respective state agency or local government are  
7 critical during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive  
8 order 72, for the purposes of s. 40.26 (5m) and (6) (b).

9 **SECTION 80.** 323.19 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

10 323.19 (4) (a) In this subsection, “state entity” means any state agency,  
11 institution of higher education, association, society, or other body in state  
12 government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law that  
13 is entitled to expend moneys appropriated by law, including the legislature, the  
14 courts, and any authority.

15 (b) During the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by  
16 executive order 72, the head or governing body of a state entity may waive a  
17 requirement imposed, administered, or enforced by the state entity that an  
18 individual appear in person if the head or governing body finds that the waiver  
19 assists in the state’s response to the public health emergency or that enforcing the  
20 requirement may increase the public health risk.

21 **SECTION 81.** 323.265 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **323.265 Suspension of certain deadlines and training requirements**  
23 **during a public health emergency. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

24 (a) “Agency” means any office, department, agency, institution of higher  
25 education, association, society, or other body in state government created or



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1 authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including any authority  
2 created in subch. II of ch. 114 or in ch. 231, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, or 279, the  
3 legislature, or the courts.

4 (b) "Deadline" means any date certain by which, or any other limitation as to  
5 time within which, an action or event is required to occur.

6 (c) "Emergency period" means the period covered by the public health  
7 emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, plus 30 days.

8 (d) "Local governmental unit" means a political subdivision of this state, a  
9 special purpose district in this state, an agency or corporation of a political  
10 subdivision or special purpose district, or a combination or subunit of any of the  
11 foregoing.

12 **(2) DEADLINES.** (a) Each agency or local governmental unit may toll for the  
13 duration of an emergency period any deadline falling within that period that the  
14 agency or local governmental unit administers or enforces. The agency or local  
15 governmental unit may not charge any interest or penalty that would otherwise  
16 apply with respect to the tolled deadline.

17 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to all of the following:

18 1. Any deadline with respect to the filing or payment of a tax for which the  
19 revenue is deposited or is expected to be deposited in the general fund, a tax or fee  
20 for which the revenue is deposited or is expected to be deposited in the transportation  
21 fund, or a property tax.

22 2. The date on which an election, as defined in s. 5.02 (4), is to be held, and any  
23 deadline relating to an election.

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1           **(3) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.** During an emergency period, each agency or local  
2 governmental unit may suspend any training requirement associated with any  
3 program the agency or local unit of government administers or enforces.

4           **SECTION 82.** 323.2911 of the statutes is created to read:

5           **323.2911 Public employee health insurance coverage.** Notwithstanding  
6 s. 40.02 (40), for the purpose of group health insurance coverage offered by the group  
7 insurance board under subch. IV of ch. 40, if an employee who was on a leave of  
8 absence returns from leave, even if the employee has not resumed active  
9 performance of duty for 30 consecutive calendar days on March 12, 2020, due to the  
10 public health emergency declared by executive order 72, the leave of absence is  
11 deemed ended or interrupted on that date.

12           **SECTION 83.** 323.2912 of the statutes is created to read:

13           **323.2912 Suspension of limited term appointment hours.**

14 Notwithstanding s. 230.26 (1), the director of the bureau of merit recruitment and  
15 selection in the division of personnel management in the department of  
16 administration may increase or suspend the number of hours for a limited term  
17 appointment for the duration of the public health emergency declared on March 12,  
18 2020, by executive order 72.

19           **SECTION 84.** 323.2913 of the statutes is created to read:

20           **323.2913 Use of annual leave during probationary period by state**  
21 **employee.** Notwithstanding s. 230.35 (1) (b), a state employee may take annual  
22 leave within the first 6 months of the employee's probationary period upon initial  
23 appointment during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by  
24 executive order 72. If an employee who has taken annual leave under this section  
25 terminates his or her employment before earning annual leave equivalent to the

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1 amount of annual leave the employee has taken, the appointing authority shall  
2 deduct the cost of the unearned annual leave from the employee's final pay.

3 **SECTION 85.** 323.2915 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **323.2915 State civil service grievance procedures. (1)** Notwithstanding  
5 s. 230.445 (2) and (3), an employee does not waive his or her right to appeal an  
6 adverse employment decision if the employee does not timely file the complaint or  
7 appeal during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive  
8 order 72. The tolling period under s. 230.445 (3) (a) 1. begins 14 days after the  
9 termination of such public health emergency.

10 **(2)** Notwithstanding s. 230.445 (3) (a) 2., an appointing authority or his or her  
11 designee is not required to meet with a complainant in person during the public  
12 health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, when  
13 conducting an investigation under s. 230.445 (3) (a) 2.

14 **SECTION 86.** 440.08 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

15 440.08 **(5) RENEWAL SUSPENSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** (a) In this  
16 subsection, "health care provider credential" means any credential issued under ch.  
17 441, 447, 448, 450, 455, 460, or 462.

18 (b) Notwithstanding subs. (1) to (3) and the applicable provisions in chs. 440  
19 to 480, but subject to any professional discipline imposed on the credential, a health  
20 care provider credential is not subject to renewal, or any other conditions for renewal  
21 including continuing education, and remains valid during the period specified in par.  
22 (c).

23 (c) For purposes of par. (b), the period shall be the period beginning on March  
24 12, 2020, and ending on the 60th day after the end of the period covered by the public  
25 health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

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1 (d) A renewal that occurs subsequent to the period described in par. (c) is not  
2 subject to the late renewal fee under sub. (3) (a) if the application to renew the  
3 credential is received before the next applicable renewal date. Notwithstanding the  
4 applicable provisions in chs. 440 to 480, the applicable credentialing board may, for  
5 that next applicable renewal date, provide an exemption from or reduction of  
6 continuing education or other conditions for renewal.

7 **SECTION 87.** 450.11 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 450.11 (5) (a) Except as provided in ~~par. pars.~~ par. (bm) and (br), no prescription may  
9 be refilled unless the requirements of sub. (1) and, if applicable, sub. (1m) have been  
10 met and written, oral, or electronic authorization has been given by the prescribing  
11 practitioner. Unless the prescribing practitioner has specified in the prescription  
12 order that dispensing a prescribed drug in an initial amount followed by periodic  
13 refills as specified in the prescription order is medically necessary, a pharmacist may  
14 exercise his or her professional judgment to dispense varying quantities of the  
15 prescribed drug per fill up to the total number of dosage units authorized by the  
16 prescribing practitioner in the prescription order including any refills, subject to par.  
17 (b).

18 **SECTION 88.** 450.11 (5) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

19 450.11 (5) (br) 1. In the event a pharmacist receives a request for a prescription  
20 to be refilled and the prescription cannot be refilled as provided in par. (a), the  
21 pharmacist may, subject to subd. 2. a. to e., extend the existing prescription order and  
22 dispense the drug to the patient, if the pharmacist has not received and is not aware  
23 of written or oral instructions from the prescribing practitioner prohibiting further  
24 dispensing pursuant to or extension of the prescription order.

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1           2. a. A prescribing practitioner may indicate, by writing on the face of the  
2           prescription order or, with respect to a prescription order transmitted electronically,  
3           by designating in electronic format the phrase “No extensions,” or words of similar  
4           meaning, that no extension of the prescription order may be made under subd. 1. If  
5           such indication is made, the pharmacist may not extend the prescription order under  
6           subd. 1.

7           b. A pharmacist acting under subd. 1. may not extend a prescription order to  
8           dispense more than a 30-day supply of the prescribed drug, except that if the drug  
9           is typically packaged in a form that requires a pharmacist to dispense the drug in a  
10          quantity greater than a 30-day supply, the pharmacist may extend the prescription  
11          order as necessary to dispense the drug in the smallest quantity in which it is  
12          typically packaged.

13          c. A pharmacist may not extend a prescription order under subd. 1. for a drug  
14          that is a controlled substance.

15          d. A pharmacist may not extend a prescription order under subd. 1. for a  
16          particular patient if a prescription order was previously extended under subd. 1. for  
17          that patient during the period described in subd. 3.

18          e. A pharmacist shall, at the earliest reasonable time after acting under subd.  
19          1., notify the prescribing practitioner or his or her office, but is not required to  
20          attempt to procure a new prescription order or refill authorization for the drug by  
21          contacting the prescribing practitioner or his or her office prior to acting under subd.  
22          1. After acting under subd. 1., the pharmacist may notify the patient or other  
23          individual that any further refills will require the authorization of a prescribing  
24          practitioner.

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1           3. This paragraph applies only during the public health emergency declared on  
2           March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and for 30 days after the conclusion of that  
3           public health emergency. During that time, this paragraph supersedes par. (bm) to  
4           the extent of any conflict.

5           **SECTION 89.** 609.205 of the statutes is created to read:

6           **609.205 Public health emergency for COVID-19.** (1) In this section,  
7           “COVID-19” means an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

8           (2) All of the following apply to a defined network plan or preferred provider  
9           plan during the state of emergency related to public health declared under s. 323.10  
10          on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and for the 60 days following the date that  
11          the state of emergency terminates:

12          (a) The plan may not require an enrollee to pay, including cost sharing, for a  
13          service, treatment, or supply provided by a provider that is not a participating  
14          provider in the plan’s network of providers more than the enrollee would pay if the  
15          service, treatment, or supply is provided by a provider that is a participating  
16          provider. This subsection applies to any service, treatment, or supply that is related  
17          to diagnosis or treatment for COVID-19 and to any service, treatment, or supply that  
18          is provided by a provider that is not a participating provider because a participating  
19          provider is unavailable due to the public health emergency.

20          (b) The plan shall reimburse a provider that is not a participating provider for  
21          a service, treatment, or supply provided under the circumstances described under  
22          par. (a) at 225 percent of the rate the federal Medicare program reimburses the  
23          provider for the same or a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same  
24          geographic area.

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1           **(3)** During the state of emergency related to public health declared under s.  
2           323.10 on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and for the 60 days following the  
3           date that the state of emergency terminates, all of the following apply to any health  
4           care provider or health care facility that provides a service, treatment, or supply to  
5           an enrollee of a defined network plan or preferred provider plan but is not a  
6           participating provider of that plan:

7           (a) The health care provider or facility shall accept as payment in full any  
8           payment by a defined network plan or preferred provider plan that is at least 225  
9           percent of the rate the federal Medicare program reimburses the provider for the  
10          same or a similar service, treatment, or supply in the same geographic area.

11          (b) The health care provider or facility may not charge the enrollee for the  
12          service, treatment, or supply an amount that exceeds the amount the provider or  
13          facility is reimbursed by the defined network plan or preferred provider plan.

14          **(4)** The commissioner may promulgate any rules necessary to implement this  
15          section.

16          **SECTION 90.** 609.83 of the statutes is amended to read:

17          **609.83 Coverage of drugs and devices.** Limited service health  
18          organizations, preferred provider plans, and defined network plans are subject to ss.  
19          632.853 and 632.895 (16t) and (16v).

20          **SECTION 91.** 609.846 of the statutes is created to read:

21          **609.846 Discrimination based on COVID-19 prohibited.** Limited service  
22          health organizations, preferred provider plans, and defined network plans are  
23          subject to s. 632.729.

24          **SECTION 92.** 609.885 of the statutes is created to read:

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1           **609.885 Coverage of COVID-19 testing.** Defined network plans, preferred  
2 provider plans, and limited service health organizations are subject to s. 632.895  
3 (14g).

4           **SECTION 93.** 625.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           625.12 (2) CLASSIFICATION. Risks Except as provided in s. 632.729, risks may  
6 be classified in any reasonable way for the establishment of rates and minimum  
7 premiums, except that no classifications may be based on race, color, creed or  
8 national origin, and classifications in automobile insurance may not be based on  
9 physical condition or developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01 (5). Subject to  
10 ~~s. ss.~~ ss. 632.365 and 632.729, rates thus produced may be modified for individual risks  
11 in accordance with rating plans or schedules that establish reasonable standards for  
12 measuring probable variations in hazards, expenses, or both. Rates may also be  
13 modified for individual risks under s. 625.13 (2).

14           **SECTION 94.** 628.34 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           628.34 (3) (a) No insurer may unfairly discriminate among policyholders by  
16 charging different premiums or by offering different terms of coverage except on the  
17 basis of classifications related to the nature and the degree of the risk covered or the  
18 expenses involved, subject to ss. 632.365, 632.729, 632.746 and 632.748. Rates are  
19 not unfairly discriminatory if they are averaged broadly among persons insured  
20 under a group, blanket or franchise policy, and terms are not unfairly discriminatory  
21 merely because they are more favorable than in a similar individual policy.

22           **SECTION 95.** 632.729 of the statutes is created to read:

23           **632.729 Prohibiting discrimination based on COVID-19. (1)**

24           DEFINITIONS. In this section:

25           (a) "COVID-19" means an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.



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1 (b) "Health benefit plan" has the meaning given in s. 632.745 (11).

2 (c) "Pharmacy benefit manager" has the meaning given in s. 632.865 (1) (c).

3 (d) "Self-insured health plan" has the meaning given in s. 632.85 (1) (c).

4 **(2) ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL.** (a) An insurer that offers an individual or group  
5 health benefit plan, a pharmacy benefit manager, or a self-insured health plan may  
6 not establish rules for the eligibility of any individual to enroll, for the continued  
7 eligibility of any individual to remain enrolled, or for the renewal of coverage under  
8 the plan based on a current or past diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19.

9 (b) An insurer that offers a group health benefit plan, a pharmacy benefit  
10 manager, or a self-insured health plan may not establish rules for the eligibility of  
11 any employer or other group to enroll, for the continued eligibility of any employer  
12 or group to remain enrolled, or for the renewal of an employer's or group's coverage  
13 under the plan based on a current or past diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of  
14 COVID-19 of any employee or other member of the group.

15 **(3) CANCELLATION.** An insurer that offers an individual or group health benefit  
16 plan, a pharmacy benefit manager, or a self-insured health plan may not use as a  
17 basis for cancellation of coverage during a contract term a current or past diagnosis  
18 of COVID-19 or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19.

19 **(4) RATES.** An insurer that offers an individual or group health benefit plan,  
20 a pharmacy benefit manager, or a self-insured health plan may not use as a basis  
21 for setting rates for coverage a current or past diagnosis of COVID-19 or suspected  
22 diagnosis of COVID-19.

23 **(5) PREMIUM GRACE PERIOD.** An insurer that offers an individual or group health  
24 benefit plan, a pharmacy benefit manager, or a self-insured health plan may not  
25 refuse to grant to an individual, employer, or other group a grace period for the

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1 payment of a premium based on an individual's, employee's, or group member's  
2 current or past diagnosis of COVID-19 or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19 if a  
3 grace period for payment of premium would generally be granted under the plan.

4 **SECTION 96.** 632.895 (14g) of the statutes is created to read:

5 632.895 (14g) COVERAGE OF COVID-19 TESTING. (a) In this subsection,  
6 "COVID-19" means an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

7 (b) Before March 13, 2021, every disability insurance policy, and every  
8 self-insured health plan of the state or of a county, city, town, village, or school  
9 district, that generally covers testing for infectious diseases shall provide coverage  
10 of testing for COVID-19 without imposing any copayment or coinsurance on the  
11 individual covered under the policy or plan.

12 **SECTION 97.** 632.895 (16v) of the statutes is created to read:

13 632.895 (16v) PROHIBITING COVERAGE LIMITATIONS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. (a)  
14 During the period covered by the state of emergency related to public health declared  
15 by the governor on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, an insurer offering a  
16 disability insurance policy that covers prescription drugs, a self-insured health plan  
17 of the state or of a county, city, town, village, or school district that covers prescription  
18 drugs, or a pharmacy benefit manager acting on behalf of a policy or plan may not  
19 do any of the following in order to maintain coverage of a prescription drug:

20 1. Require prior authorization for early refills of a prescription drug or  
21 otherwise restrict the period of time in which a prescription drug may be refilled.

22 2. Impose a limit on the quantity of prescription drugs that may be obtained  
23 if the quantity is no more than a 90-day supply.

24 (b) This subsection does not apply to a prescription drug that is a controlled  
25 substance, as defined in s. 961.01 (4).

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1           **SECTION 98.** 895.4801 of the statutes is created to read:

2           **895.4801 Immunity for health care providers during COVID-19**  
3 **emergency. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

4           (a) “Health care professional” means an individual licensed, registered, or  
5 certified by the medical examining board under subch. II of ch. 448 or the board of  
6 nursing under ch. 441.

7           (b) “Health care provider” has the meaning given in s. 146.38 (1) (b) and  
8 includes an adult family home, as defined in s. 50.01 (1).

9           **(2) IMMUNITY.** Subject to sub. (3), any health care professional, health care  
10 provider, or employee, agent, or contractor of a health care professional or health care  
11 provider is immune from civil liability for the death of or injury to any individual or  
12 any damages caused by actions or omissions that satisfy all of the following:

13           (a) The action or omission is committed while the professional, provider,  
14 employee, agent, or contractor is providing services during the state of emergency  
15 declared under s. 323.10 on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, or the 60 days  
16 following the date that the state of emergency terminates.

17           (b) The actions or omissions relate to health services provided or not provided  
18 in good faith or are substantially consistent with any of the following:

19           1. Any direction, guidance, recommendation, or other statement made by a  
20 federal, state, or local official to address or in response to the emergency or disaster  
21 declared as described under par. (a).

22           2. Any guidance published by the department of health services, the federal  
23 department of health and human services, or any divisions or agencies of the federal  
24 department of health and human services relied upon in good faith.

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1 (c) The actions or omissions do not involve reckless or wanton conduct or  
2 intentional misconduct.

3 **(3) APPLICABILITY.** This section does not apply if s. 257.03, 257.04, 323.41, or  
4 323.44 applies.

5 **SECTION 99.** 895.51 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **895.51 (title) Civil liability exemption: food or emergency household**  
7 **products; emergency medical supplies; donation, sale, or distribution.**

8 **SECTION 100.** 895.51 (1) (bd) of the statutes is created to read:

9 895.51 (1) (bd) “Cost of production” means the cost of inputs, wages, operating  
10 the manufacturing facility, and transporting the product.

11 **SECTION 101.** 895.51 (1) (bg) of the statutes is created to read:

12 895.51 (1) (bg) “Emergency medical supplies” means any medical equipment  
13 or supplies necessary to limit the spread of, or provide treatment for, a disease  
14 associated with the public health emergency related to the 2019 novel coronavirus  
15 pandemic, including life support devices, personal protective equipment, cleaning  
16 supplies, and any other items determined to be necessary by the secretary of health  
17 services.

18 **SECTION 102.** 895.51 (1) (dp) of the statutes is created to read:

19 895.51 (1) (dp) “Public health emergency related to the 2019 novel coronavirus  
20 pandemic” means the period covered by the public health emergency declared under  
21 42 USC 247d by the secretary of the federal department of health and human  
22 services on January 31, 2020, in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus or the  
23 national emergency declared by the U.S. president under 50 USC 1621 on March 13,  
24 2020, in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus.

25 **SECTION 103.** 895.51 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           895.51 **(2r)** Any person engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, or sale of  
2 emergency medical supplies, who donates or sells, at a price not to exceed the cost  
3 of production, emergency medical supplies to a charitable organization or  
4 governmental unit to respond to the public health emergency related to the 2019  
5 novel coronavirus pandemic is immune from civil liability for the death of or injury  
6 to an individual caused by the emergency medical supplies donated or sold by the  
7 person.

8           **SECTION 104.** 895.51 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:

9           895.51 **(3r)** Any charitable organization that distributes free of charge  
10 emergency medical supplies received under sub. (2r) is immune from civil liability  
11 for the death of or injury to an individual caused by the emergency medical supplies  
12 distributed by the charitable organization.

13           **SECTION 105. Nonstatutory provisions.**

14           (1) ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE. If the federal  
15 government provides an enhanced federal medical assistance percentage during an  
16 emergency period declared in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, the  
17 department of health services may do any of the following during the period to which  
18 the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage applies in order to satisfy  
19 criteria to qualify for the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage:

20           (a) Suspend the requirement to comply with the premium requirements under  
21 s. 49.45 (23b) (b) 2. and (c).

22           (b) Suspend the requirement to comply with the health risk assessment  
23 requirement under s. 49.45 (23b) (b) 3.

24           (c) Delay implementation of the community engagement requirement under s.  
25 49.45 (23b) (b) 1. until the date that is 30 days after either the day the federal

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1 government has approved the community engagement implementation plan or the  
2 last day of the calendar quarter in which the last day of the emergency period under  
3 42 USC 1320b-5 (g) (1) that is declared due to the novel coronavirus pandemic  
4 occurs, whichever is later.

5 (d) Notwithstanding any requirement under subch. IV of ch. 49 to disenroll an  
6 individual to the contrary, maintain continuous enrollment in compliance with  
7 section 6008 (b) (3) of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act, P.L.  
8 116-127.

9 (2) LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSE ANESTHETISTS. During the  
10 public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, all of the  
11 following apply to a physician or nurse anesthetist for whom this state is not a  
12 principal place of practice but who is authorized to practice in this state on a  
13 temporary basis:

14 (a) The physician or nurse anesthetist may fulfill the requirements of s. 655.23  
15 (3) (a) by filing with the commissioner of insurance a certificate of insurance for a  
16 policy of health care liability insurance issued by an insurer that is authorized in a  
17 jurisdiction accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

18 (b) The physician or nurse anesthetist may elect, in the manner designated by  
19 the commissioner of insurance by rule under s. 655.004, to be subject to ch. 655.

20 (3) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION; REPORTS AND GUIDANCE.

21 (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

22 1. "Department" means the department of public instruction.

23 2. "Public health emergency" means the period during the 2019-20 school year  
24 when schools are closed by the department of health services under s. 252.02 (3).

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1           3. “Virtual instruction” means instruction provided through means of the  
2 Internet if the pupils participating in and instructional staff providing the  
3 instruction are geographically remote from each other.

4           (b) *School board reports.* By November 1, 2020, each school board shall report  
5 to the department all of the following:

6           1. Whether or not virtual instruction was implemented in the school district  
7 during the public health emergency and, if implemented, in which grades it was  
8 implemented.

9           2. If virtual instruction was implemented in the school district during the  
10 public health emergency, the process for implementing the virtual instruction.

11           3. For each grade level, the average percentage of the 2019-20 school year  
12 curriculum provided to pupils, including curriculum provided in-person and  
13 virtually.

14           4. Whether anything was provided to pupils during the 2020 summer to help  
15 pupils learn content that pupils missed because of the public health emergency and,  
16 if so, what was provided to pupils.

17           5. Recommendations for best practices for transitioning to and providing  
18 virtual instruction when schools are closed.

19           6. Any challenges or barriers the school board faced related to implementing  
20 virtual instruction during the public health emergency.

21           7. By position type, the number of staff members who were laid off during the  
22 public health emergency.

23           8. The number of lunches the school board provided during the public health  
24 emergency.

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1           9. The total amount by which the school board reduced expenditures during,  
2 or because of, the public health emergency in each of the following categories:

3           a. Utilities.

4           b. Transportation.

5           c. Food service.

6           d. Personnel. This category includes expenditure reductions that result from  
7 layoffs.

8           e. Contract terminations.

9           (c) *Report to the legislature.* By January 1, 2021, the department shall compile  
10 and submit the information it received under par. (b) to the appropriate standing  
11 committees of the legislature in the manner provided under s. 13.172 (3).

12           (d) *DPI guidance on returning to in-person instruction.* By June 30, 2020, the  
13 department shall post on its Internet site guidance to schools on best practices  
14 related to transitioning from virtual instruction to in-person instruction.

15           (4) TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR FORMER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS DURING  
16 EMERGENCY.

17           (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

18           1. "Health care provider" means an individual who was at any time within the  
19 past 5 years, but is not currently, any of the following, if the individual's credential  
20 was never revoked, limited, suspended, or denied renewal:

21           a. A nurse licensed under ch. 441.

22           b. A chiropractor licensed under ch. 446.

23           c. A dentist licensed under ch. 447.

24           d. A physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, or respiratory care  
25 practitioner licensed or certified under subch. II of ch. 448.



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- 1 e. A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed under subch. III  
2 of ch. 448 or who holds a compact privilege under subch. IX of ch. 448.
- 3 f. A podiatrist licensed under subch. IV of ch. 448.
- 4 g. A dietitian certified under subch. V of ch. 448.
- 5 h. An athletic trainer licensed under subch. VI of ch. 448.
- 6 i. An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant licensed under  
7 subch. VII of ch. 448.
- 8 j. An optometrist licensed under ch. 449.
- 9 k. A pharmacist licensed under ch. 450.
- 10 L. An acupuncturist certified under ch. 451.
- 11 m. A psychologist licensed under ch. 455.
- 12 n. A social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor  
13 certified or licensed under ch. 457.
- 14 o. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under subch. II of ch.  
15 459.
- 16 p. A massage therapist or bodywork therapist licensed under ch. 460.
- 17 2. "Health care facility" means a system, care clinic, care provider, long-term  
18 care facility, or any other health care facility where health care services are provided.
- 19 3. "Temporary credential" mean a visiting, locum tenens, temporary, or similar  
20 non-permanent license or certificate.
- 21 (b) *Temporary practice; emergency.*
- 22 1. Notwithstanding ss. 440.982 (1), 441.06 (4), 441.15 (2), 446.02 (1), 447.03 (1),  
23 448.03 (1) (a), (b), and (c) and (1m), 448.51 (1), 448.61, 448.76, 448.961 (1) and (2),  
24 449.02 (1), 450.03 (1), 451.04 (1), 455.02 (1m), 457.04 (4), (5), (6), and (7), 459.02 (1),  
25 459.24 (1), and 460.02, a health care provider may provide services within the scope

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1 of the credential that the health care provider previously held if all of the following  
2 apply:

3 a. Practice by the health care provider is necessary for an identified health care  
4 facility to ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services.

5 b. The identified health care facility's needs reasonably prevented the health  
6 care provider from obtaining a credential before beginning to provide health care  
7 services at the facility.

8 c. The health care provider applies for a temporary credential or permanent  
9 credential within 10 days of first providing health care services at a health care  
10 facility.

11 d. The health care facility notifies the department of safety and professional  
12 services within 5 days of the date on which the health care provider begins providing  
13 health care services at the facility.

14 2. A health care provider who provides services authorized under this  
15 subsection shall maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of  
16 the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

17 3. This subsection does not apply 30 days after the conclusion of the period  
18 covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive  
19 order 72.

20 (5) **AUTHORITY TO WAIVE FEES.** Notwithstanding s. 440.05 and the applicable fee  
21 provisions in chs. 440 to 480, during the period covered by the public health  
22 emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, the department of  
23 safety and professional services may waive fees for applications for an initial  
24 credential and renewal of a credential for registered nurses, licensed practical  
25 nurses, nurse-midwives, dentists, physicians, physician assistants, perfusionists,

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1 respiratory care practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, clinical social workers,  
2 independent social workers, social workers, marriage and family therapists,  
3 professional counselors, and clinical substance abuse counselors.

4 (6) TEMPORARY CREDENTIALS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM OTHER STATES  
5 DURING EMERGENCY.

6 (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

7 1. "Health care provider" means an individual who holds a valid, unexpired  
8 license, certificate, or registration granted by another state or territory that  
9 authorizes or qualifies the individual to perform acts that are substantially the same  
10 as the acts that any of the following are licensed or certified to perform:

11 a. A nurse licensed under ch. 441.

12 b. A chiropractor licensed under ch. 446.

13 c. A dentist licensed under ch. 447.

14 d. A physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, or respiratory care  
15 practitioner licensed or certified under subch. II of ch. 448.

16 e. A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed under subch. III  
17 of ch. 448 or who holds a compact privilege under subch. IX of ch. 448.

18 f. A podiatrist licensed under subch. IV of ch. 448.

19 g. A dietitian certified under subch. V of ch. 448.

20 h. An athletic trainer licensed under subch. VI of ch. 448.

21 i. An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant licensed under  
22 subch. VII of ch. 448.

23 j. An optometrist licensed under ch. 449.

24 k. A pharmacist licensed under ch. 450.

25 L. An acupuncturist certified under ch. 451.

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1 m. A psychologist licensed under ch. 455.

2 n. A social worker, marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor  
3 certified or licensed under ch. 457.

4 o. A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under subch. II of ch.  
5 459.

6 p. A massage therapist or bodywork therapist licensed under ch. 460.

7 2. "Health care facility" means a system, care clinic, care provider, long-term  
8 care facility, or any other health care facility where health care services are provided.

9 3. "Temporary credential" mean a visiting, locum tenens, temporary, or similar  
10 non-permanent license or certificate.

11 (b) *Temporary practice; emergency.*

12 1. Notwithstanding ss. 440.982 (1), 441.06 (4), 441.15 (2), 446.02 (1), 447.03 (1),  
13 448.03 (1) (a), (b), and (c) and (1m), 448.51 (1), 448.61, 448.76, 448.961 (1) and (2),  
14 449.02 (1), 450.03 (1), 451.04 (1), 455.02 (1m), 457.04 (4), (5), (6), and (7), 459.02 (1),  
15 459.24 (1), and 460.02, a health care provider may provide services within the scope  
16 of the credential that the health care provider holds if all of the following apply:

17 a. Practice by the health care provider is necessary for an identified health care  
18 facility to ensure the continued and safe delivery of health care services.

19 b. The identified health care facility's needs reasonably prevented the health  
20 care provider from obtaining a credential before beginning to provide health care  
21 services at the facility.

22 c. The health care provider applies for a temporary credential or permanent  
23 credential within 10 days of beginning to provide health care services at a health care  
24 facility.

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1           d. The health care facility notifies the department of safety and professional  
2 services within 5 days of the date on which the health care provider begins providing  
3 health care services at the facility.

4           2. A health care provider who provides services authorized under this  
5 subsection shall maintain malpractice insurance that satisfies the requirements of  
6 the profession for which the health care provider has been licensed or certified.

7           3. This subsection does not apply 30 days after the conclusion of the period  
8 covered by the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive  
9 order 72.

10           (8) POSITION TRANSFERS.

11           (a) In this subsection:

12           1. “Emergency period” means the period covered by the public health  
13 emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

14           2. “State agency” means any office, commission, board, department, or  
15 independent agency in the executive branch of state government.

16           (b) During the emergency period, the secretary of administration may transfer  
17 any employee from one state agency to another state agency to provide services for  
18 the receiving state agency. The receiving state agency shall pay all salary and fringe  
19 benefit costs of the employee during the time he or she is providing services for the  
20 receiving state agency. Any action by the secretary under this paragraph shall  
21 remain in effect until rescinded by the secretary or 90 days after the public health  
22 emergency is terminated, whichever is earliest.

23           (c) If an employee is transferred under par. (b), the receiving agency may not  
24 increase the employee’s salary at the time of transfer or during the time he or she is  
25 providing services for the receiving agency and the transferring agency may not

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1 increase the employee's salary at the time the employee returns to the transferring  
2 agency.

3 (d) The secretary of administration shall submit a report to the joint committee  
4 on finance no later than June 1, 2020, and on the first day of each subsequent month  
5 during the emergency period, that provides information on all employee transfers  
6 under par. (b). The report shall specify the number of employees transferred, the title  
7 of each employee transferred, the title the employee assumed at the receiving agency,  
8 and the reasons for each employee transfer.

9 (9) LOANS TO MUNICIPAL UTILITIES.

10 (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

11 1. "Board" means the board of commissioners of public lands.

12 2. "COVID-19 public health emergency" means the public health emergency  
13 declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

14 3. "Emergency period" means the period covered by the COVID-19 public  
15 health emergency, plus 60 days.

16 4. "Municipal utility" has the meaning given in s. 196.377 (2) (a) 3.

17 (b) *Loans.*

18 1. The board may loan moneys under its control or belonging to the trust funds  
19 to a municipal utility to ensure that the municipal utility is able to maintain liquidity  
20 during the emergency period. The loan shall be for the sum of money, for the time,  
21 and upon the conditions as may be agreed upon between the board and the borrower.

22 2. The legislature finds and determines that the loans authorized under this  
23 subsection serve a public purpose.

24 (10) LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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1           (a) Section 20.940 does not apply to a request for a waiver, amendment to a  
2           waiver, or other federal approval from the department of health services submitted  
3           to the federal department of health and human services during the public health  
4           emergency declared under 42 USC 247d by the secretary of the federal department  
5           of health and human services on January 31, 2020, in response to the 2019 novel  
6           coronavirus, only if the request is any of the following, relating to the Medical  
7           Assistance program:

8           1. Allowing providers to receive payments for services provided in alternative  
9           settings to recipients affected by 2019 novel coronavirus.

10          2. Waiving preadmission screening and annual resident review requirements  
11          when recipients are transferred.

12          3. Allowing hospitals who hold a state license but have not yet received  
13          accreditation from the Joint Commission to bill the Medical Assistance program  
14          during the 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency.

15          4. Waiving payment of the application fee to temporarily enroll a provider for  
16          90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health  
17          emergency, whichever is longer.

18          5. Waiving pre-enrollment criminal background checks for providers that are  
19          enrolled in the Medicare program to temporarily enroll the provider in the Medical  
20          Assistance program for 90 days or until the termination of the 2019 novel  
21          coronavirus public health emergency, whichever is longer.

22          6. Waiving site visit requirements to temporarily enroll a provider for 90 days  
23          or until the termination of 2019 novel coronavirus public health emergency,  
24          whichever is longer.

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1           7. Ceasing revalidation of providers who are enrolled in the Medical Assistance  
2 program or otherwise directly impacted by the 2019 novel coronavirus public health  
3 emergency for 90 days or until termination of the public health emergency,  
4 whichever is longer.

5           8. Waiving the requirement that physicians and other health care professionals  
6 be licensed in the state in which they are providing services if they have equivalent  
7 licensing in another state or are enrolled in the federal Medicare program.

8           9. Waiving prior authorization requirements for access to covered state plan or  
9 waiver benefits.

10          10. Expanding the authority under Section 1905 (a) of the federal Social  
11 Security Act regarding nonemergency transportation to allow for reimbursement of  
12 any eligible individual under the Medical Assistance program, additional vendors,  
13 transportation for caregivers going to provide services to recipients, and meal  
14 delivery to Medical Assistance recipients.

15          11. Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to  
16 state plan and waiver changes.

17          12. Modifying the tribal consultation timelines specified in the Medical  
18 Assistance state plan to allow for consultation at the next future tribal health  
19 director meeting.

20          13. Modifying the requirement under 42 CFR 430.20 to submit the state plan  
21 amendment by March 31, 2020, to obtain an effective date during the first calendar  
22 quarter of 2020. The department of health services shall comply with s. 49.45 (2t)  
23 for any item included in the state plan amendment that is not specifically described  
24 in this subsection.



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1           14. Simplifying program administration by allowing for temporary state plan  
2 flexibilities rather than requiring states to go through the state plan amendment  
3 submission and approval process.

4           15. Waiving timely filing requirements for billing under 42 USC 1395cc and  
5 1396a (a) (54) and 42 CFR 424.44 to allow time for providers to implement changes.

6           16. Expanding hospital presumptive eligibility to include the population over  
7 age 65 and disabled.

8           17. Allowing flexibility for submission of electronic signatures on behalf of a  
9 Medical Assistance recipient by application assistors if a signature cannot be  
10 captured in person.

11           18. Waiving requirements for managed care organizations to complete initial  
12 and periodic recredentialing of network providers if the providers meet Medical  
13 Assistance provider enrollment requirements during the 2019 novel coronavirus  
14 public health emergency.

15           19. Requiring managed care organizations to extend preexisting  
16 authorizations through which a Medical Assistance recipient has received prior  
17 authorization until the termination of the 2019 novel coronavirus public health  
18 emergency.

19           20. Waiving sanctions under Section 1877 (g) of the Social Security Act relating  
20 to limitations on physician referral.

21           21. Allowing flexibility in how a teaching physician is present with the patient  
22 and resident including real-time audio and video or access through a window.

23           22. Waiving certain equipment requirements in hospital equipment  
24 maintenance requirement guidance issued on December 20, 2013, to maintain the  
25 health and safety of the hospitals' patients and providers.

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1           23. Creating provisions allowing for additional flexibilities to allow for the use  
2 in nursing homes of physician extenders in place of medical directors and attending  
3 physicians and telehealth options.

4           24. Waiving notice of transfers within a nursing home due to medically  
5 necessary protection from the 2019 novel coronavirus.

6           25. Waiving requirements to document sufficient preparation and orientation  
7 to residents to ensure a safer and orderly intrafacility nursing home transfer.

8           26. Waiving requirements for a nursing home bedhold policy.

9           27. Waiving the requirements for nursing home in-service education under 42  
10 CFR 483.35 (d) (7).

11          28. Waiving nurse staffing information and posting of that information for  
12 nursing homes.

13          29. Suspending the requirement that a pharmacist go monthly to the nursing  
14 home to do record review.

15          30. Waiving or lessening requirements for a paid feeding assistant program in  
16 nursing homes and setting guidelines for training to assist with the 2019 novel  
17 coronavirus pandemic.

18          31. Waiving the annual and quarterly screening of fire extinguishers and any  
19 other annual maintenance review for nursing homes.

20          32. Allowing all clinical hours required under 42 CFR 483.152 (a) (3) to be  
21 online simulation.

22          33. Waiving under 42 CFR 483.151 (b) (2) the loss of the Nurse Aide Training  
23 and Competency Evaluation Program.

24          34. Waiving the requirements under 42 CFR 483.160 for training of paid  
25 feeding assistants.

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1           35. Allowing home health agencies to perform certifications, initial  
2 assessments, and determine homebound status remotely or by record review.

3           36. Waiving life safety codes for intermediate care facilities for individuals with  
4 intellectual disabilities under 42 CFR 483.70 and for hospitals, hospices, nursing  
5 homes, critical access hospitals and intermediate care facilities for individuals with  
6 intellectual disabilities relating to fire alarm system maintenance and testing,  
7 automatic sprinkler and standpipe system inspection, testing, and maintenance,  
8 and inspection and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers.

9           37. Relating to the home and community-based waiver programs of Family  
10 Care, IRIS, and Children's Long-Term Supports, any of the following:

11           a. Allowing all waiver services and administrative requirements that that can  
12 be provided with the same functional equivalency of face-to-face services to occur  
13 remotely.

14           b. Removing the requirement to complete a 6-month progress report to  
15 reauthorize prevocational service.

16           c. Removing the limitation that quotes from at least 3 providers must be  
17 obtained and submitted for home modifications.

18           d. Removing the limitation preventing supportive home care from being  
19 provided in adult family homes and residential care apartment complexes.

20           e. Removing the limitation preventing personal or nursing services for  
21 recipients in residential care apartment complexes.

22           f. Removing the limitation that participants cannot receive other waiver  
23 services on the same day as receiving respite care.

24           g. Allowing adult day service providers, prevocational providers, and  
25 supported employment providers to provide services in alternate settings.

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1           h. Allowing up to 3 meals per day for home delivered meals for Family Care and  
2 IRIS program enrollees and adding home delivered meals as a benefit in the  
3 Children's Long-Term Supports waiver.

4           i. Removing the limitation on using moneys to relocate individuals from an  
5 institution or family home to an independent living arrangement.

6           j. Allowing any individual with an intellectual or developmental disability to  
7 reside in a community-based residential facility with greater than 8 beds.

8           k. Modifying the scope of the child care benefit to allow for the provision of child  
9 care payments for children under the age of 12 in the program for direct care workers  
10 and medical workers who need access to child care during the emergency.

11          l. Allowing for all home and community-based waiver services to be provided  
12 in temporary settings.

13          m. Allowing home and community-based waiver services to be provided  
14 temporarily in an acute care hospital or in a short-term institutional stay.

15          n. Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services provided  
16 in settings outside this state.

17          o. Allowing general retailers to provide assistive technology or communication  
18 aids.

19          p. Allowing providers certified or licensed in other states or enrolled in the  
20 Medicare program to perform the same or comparable services in this state.

21          q. Delaying provider licensing or certification reviews.

22          r. Allowing the department of health services to waive provider qualifications  
23 as necessary to increase the pool of available providers.

24          s. Allowing 4-year background checks to be delayed.

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1 t. Expanding transportation providers to include individual and  
2 transportation network companies.

3 u. Allowing noncertified individuals to provide home delivered meals.

4 v. Allowing nursing students to provide allowable nursing services.

5 w. Allowing parents to be paid caregivers for their minor children in the  
6 Children's Long-Term Supports program when providing a service that would  
7 otherwise have been performed and paid for by a provider.

8 x. Allowing for qualified individuals to provide training to unpaid caregivers.

9 y. Waiving choice of provider requirements.

10 z. Waiving the managed care network adequacy requirements under 42 CFR  
11 438.68 and 438.207.

12 za. Waiving requirements to complete initial and required periodic  
13 credentialing of network providers.

14 zb. Adding a verbal and electronic method to signing required documents.

15 zc. Allowing the option to conduct evaluations, assessments, and  
16 person-centered service planning meetings virtually or remotely in lieu of  
17 face-to-face meetings.

18 zd. Allowing the lessening of prior approval or authorization requirements.

19 ze. Allowing for data entry of incidents into the incident reporting system  
20 outside of typical timeframes.

21 zf. Waiving the requirement to distribute member-centered plans to essential  
22 providers.

23 zg. Allowing the department of health services to draw federal financing match  
24 for payments, such as hardship or supplemental payments, to stabilize and retain

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1 providers who suffer extreme disruptions to their standard business model or  
2 revenue streams as a result of the 2019 novel coronavirus.

3 zh. Allowing the department of health services to waive participant liability for  
4 room and board when temporarily sheltered at noncertified facilities.

5 zi. Allowing payment for home and community-based waiver services that are  
6 not documented in the recipient's plan.

7 zj. Allowing managed care enrollees to proceed almost immediately to a state  
8 fair hearing without having a managed care plan resolve the appeal first by  
9 permitting the department of health services to modify the timeline for managed  
10 care plans to resolve appeals to one day so the impacted appeals satisfy the  
11 exhaustion requirements and give enrollees more time to request a fair hearing.

12 zk. Waiving public notice requirements that would otherwise be applicable to  
13 waiver changes.

14 zl. Modifying the tribal consultation timelines to allow for consultation at the  
15 next future tribal health directors meeting.

16 zm. Waiving timelines for reports, required surveys, and notifications.

17 zn. Allowing the extension of the certification period of level-of-care screeners.

18 zo. Allowing the waiver of requirements related to home and community-based  
19 settings on a case by case basis in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of  
20 affected beneficiaries under 42 CFR 441.301 (c) (4).

21 zp. Applying any provisions under this paragraph automatically to the  
22 concurrent 1915 (b) waiver.

23 zq. Allowing the waiver enrollment or eligibility changes based on a completed  
24 functional screen resulting in a change in level-of-care.

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1           zr. Allowing for continued enrollment in the Children’s Long-Term Supports  
2 program past the ages of 18 and 21.

3           zs. Allowing the suspension of involuntary disenrollment.

4           (b) The department of health services may implement any of the items specified  
5 in par. (a) only on a temporary basis to address the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic  
6 for which the public health emergency described in par. (a) is declared, and any  
7 extension or renewal of the items in par. (a) shall comply with s. 20.940 and, if  
8 applicable, s. 49.45 (2t).

9           (11) AUDIT OF PROGRAMS AND EXPENDITURES. Beginning July 1, 2020, and ending  
10 June 30, 2021, the legislative audit bureau shall use risk-based criteria to review  
11 selected programs affected by this act and selected expenditures made with funds  
12 authorized by this act and report the results of its reviews at least quarterly to the  
13 chief clerk of each house of the legislature and to the joint legislative audit  
14 committee.

15           (13) COMMUNICATIONS LIMITATIONS UNDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW. Section 11.1205  
16 (1) does not apply to communications made during, or within 30 days after  
17 termination of, the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by  
18 executive order 72, if the communications relate to the public health emergency.

19           (14) AUTHORITY TO WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTIES FOR GENERAL FUND AND  
20 TRANSPORTATION FUND TAXES. For any person who fails to remit a covered tax or fee  
21 by the date required by law, the secretary of revenue may waive, on a case-by-case  
22 basis, any penalty or interest that accrues during the applicable period if the date  
23 required by law for the remittance is during the applicable period and the secretary  
24 determines that the person’s failure is due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.  
25 For purposes of this subsection, “applicable period” means the period covered by the

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1 public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and  
2 “covered tax or fee” means a tax that is deposited or expected to be deposited into the  
3 general fund or a tax or fee that is deposited or expected to be deposited into the  
4 transportation fund.

5 (15) AUTOPSIES AND CREMATION OF BODIES OF PERSONS WHO DIED OF COVID-19.

6 (a) *Definition.* In this subsection, “COVID-19” means an infection caused by  
7 the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

8 (b) *Viewing of a corpse to be cremated following death from COVID-19.*

9 Notwithstanding s. 979.10 (1) (b), for the duration of the public health emergency  
10 declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, if any physician, coroner, or  
11 medical examiner has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed  
12 COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner shall  
13 issue a cremation permit to cremate the corpse of that deceased person without  
14 viewing the corpse.

15 (c) *Time for cremation of a person who has died of COVID-19.* Notwithstanding  
16 s. 979.10 (1) (a) (intro.), for the duration of the public health emergency declared on  
17 March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, if a physician, coroner, or medical examiner  
18 has signed the death certificate of a deceased person and listed COVID-19 as the  
19 underlying cause of death, a coroner or medical examiner shall issue, within 48 hours  
20 after the time of death, a cremation permit for the cremation of a corpse of a deceased  
21 person.

22 (d) *Examination of the body of an inmate who has died of COVID-19.*  
23 Notwithstanding s. 979.025, for the duration of the public health emergency declared  
24 on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72, if an individual who has been diagnosed  
25 with COVID-19 dies while he or she is in the legal custody of the department of



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1 corrections and confined to a correctional facility located in this state, the coroner or  
2 medical examiner may perform a limited examination of the deceased individual  
3 instead of a full autopsy, which may include an external examination of the body of  
4 the deceased individual, a review of the deceased individual's medical records, or a  
5 review of the deceased individual's radiographs.

6 (e) *Requiring electronic signature on death certificates with 48 hours if death*  
7 *is caused by COVID-19.* Notwithstanding s. 69.18 or any other requirements to the  
8 contrary, during the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by  
9 executive order 72, if the underlying cause of a death is determined to be COVID-19,  
10 the person required to sign the death certificate shall provide an electronic signature  
11 on the death certificate within 48 hours after the death occurs.

12 (16) CREDENTIAL RENEWAL DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY.

13 (a) *Definition.* In this subsection, "emergency period" means the period covered  
14 by the state of emergency related to public health declared by the governor on March  
15 12, 2020, by executive order 72, and for the 60 days following the date that the state  
16 of emergency is terminated.

17 (b) *Emergency medical services renewals.* Notwithstanding s. 256.15 (6) (b) and  
18 (c), (8) (c) and (cm), and (10), during the emergency period, the department of health  
19 services may not require an ambulance service provider, emergency medical services  
20 practitioner, or emergency medical responder that holds a license, training permit,  
21 or certificate under s. 256.15 that has not been suspended or revoked to renew that  
22 license, training permit, or certificate or impose renewal requirements, such as  
23 continuing education, on an ambulance service provider, emergency medical services  
24 practitioner, or emergency medical responder that holds a license, training permit,  
25 or certificate under s. 256.15. A renewal that occurs after the emergency period is

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1 not considered a late renewal if the application to renew the credential is received  
2 before the next applicable renewal date. The department of health services may, for  
3 that next applicable renewal date, provide an exemption from or reduction of  
4 continuing education or other conditions for renewal.

5 (17) CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. The federal Child  
6 Care and Development Fund block grant funds received under the federal  
7 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, shall be credited  
8 to the appropriations under s. 20.437 (1) (mc) and (md). No moneys credited under  
9 this subsection may be encumbered or expended except as provided under s. 16.54  
10 (2) (a) 2.

11 (18) ELIGIBILITY FOR LOCAL FAIR AIDS. Notwithstanding s. 93.23 (1) (c), each  
12 agricultural society, board, or association that received aid under s. 93.23 in 1950  
13 shall continue to remain eligible for aid if a fair operated by the society, board, or  
14 association is not held during 2020 because of the public health emergency declared  
15 on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

16 (19) APPLICATIONS FOR HEATING ASSISTANCE. Households may apply for heating  
17 assistance under s. 16.27 (4) (a) at any time during calendar year 2020.

18 (20) PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE; HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE. The department of  
19 health services shall develop for the Medical Assistance program a payment system  
20 based on performance to incentivize participation in health information data sharing  
21 to facilitate better patient care, reduced costs, and easier access to patient  
22 information. The department shall establish performance metrics for the payment  
23 system under this subsection that satisfy all of the following:

24 (a) The metric shall include participation by providers in a health information  
25 exchange at a minimum level of patient record access.

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1 (b) The payment under the payment system shall increase as the participation  
2 level in the health information exchange increases.

3 (c) The payment system shall begin in the 2021 rate year.

4 (d) For purposes of this payment system, the department shall seek any  
5 available federal moneys, including any moneys available for this purpose under the  
6 the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, to  
7 assist small, rural providers with the costs of information technology setup to  
8 participate in the health information exchange.

9 (21) PUPIL ASSESSMENTS; PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXCEPTION FOR THE 2019-20  
10 SCHOOL YEAR. Sections 115.7915 (5) (b) and (6) (j), 118.30 (1m), (1r), (1s), and (1t),  
11 118.40 (2r) (d) 2. and (2x) (d) 2., 118.60 (7) (b) 1., 119.23 (7) (b) 1., and 121.02 (1) (r)  
12 and (s) do not apply in the 2019-20 school year.

13 (22) DIRECT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION; WAIVER FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS. In the 2019-20  
14 school year, the governing body of a private school may request the department to  
15 waive any requirement related to providing hours of instruction in chs. 115 to 121,  
16 including the requirements in ss. 118.165 (1) (c), 118.60 (2) (a) 8., and 119.23 (2) (a)  
17 8., or in administrative rules promulgated by the department under the authority of  
18 those chapters.

19 (23) STATEWIDE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM; APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL  
20 YEAR.

21 (a) Notwithstanding s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 1., a private school that submitted a  
22 notice of intent to participate under s. 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a. by January 10, 2020, may  
23 accept applications for the 2020-21 school year until May 14, 2020, from pupils who  
24 reside in a school district, other than an eligible school district, as defined in s. 118.60  
25 (1) (am), or a 1st class city school district.

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1 (b) Notwithstanding s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 2., each private school that receives  
2 applications under s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 1. for the 2020-21 school year by the deadline  
3 under par. (a), shall report the information required under s. 118.60 (3) (ar) 2. to the  
4 department of public instruction by May 29, 2020.

5 (24) FULL-TIME OPEN ENROLLMENT; APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.  
6 Notwithstanding s. 118.51 (3) (a) and (b), (8), and (14) (b), all of the following apply  
7 to applications to attend a public school in a nonresident school district under s.  
8 118.51 in the 2020-21 school year:

9 (a) The deadline for a parent of a pupil to submit an application to a nonresident  
10 school district under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. is May 29, 2020.

11 (b) The deadline for a nonresident school board to send a copy of an application  
12 to a pupil's resident school board and the department under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. is by  
13 the end of the day on June 1, 2020.

14 (c) The deadline for a resident school board to send a copy of a pupil's  
15 individualized education program to a nonresident school district under s. 118.51 (3)  
16 (a) 1m. is June 8, 2020.

17 (d) A nonresident school board may not act on any application received under  
18 s. 118.51 (3) (a) 1. before June 1, 2020.

19 (e) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 3. by which a nonresident school board  
20 must notify an applicant of whether the applicant's application has been accepted is  
21 July 2, 2020.

22 (f) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 4. by which a resident school board must  
23 notify an applicant and the nonresident school board that an application has been  
24 denied is July 9, 2020.

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1 (g) The deadline under s. 118.51 (3) (a) 6. for a pupil's parent to notify a  
2 nonresident school board of the pupil's intent to attend school in the nonresident  
3 school district in the 2020-21 school year is July 31, 2020, or within 10 days of  
4 receiving a notice of acceptance if a pupil is selected from a waiting list under s.  
5 118.51 (5) (d).

6 (h) By August 7, 2020, each nonresident school board that has accepted a pupil  
7 under s. 118.51 for attendance in the 2020-21 school year shall report the name of  
8 the pupil to the pupil's resident school board.

9 (i) The deadline for a resident school board to provide the information under  
10 s. 118.51 (8) to a nonresident school board to which a pupil has applied to attend in  
11 the 2020-21 school year is June 5, 2020.

12 (j) The deadline under s. 118.51 (14) (b) for the department to provide parents  
13 requesting reimbursement under s. 118.51 (14) (b) an estimate of the amount of  
14 reimbursement that the parent will receive if the pupil attends public school in the  
15 nonresident school district in the 2020-21 school year is June 12, 2020.

16 (25) INTEREST ON LATE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS. Notwithstanding ss. 74.11, 74.12,  
17 and 74.87, for property taxes payable in 2020, after making a general or  
18 case-by-case finding of hardship, a taxation district may provide that an  
19 installment payment that is due and payable after April 1, 2020, and is received after  
20 its due date shall not accrue interest or penalties if the total amount due and payable  
21 in 2020 is paid on or before October 1, 2020. Interest and penalties shall accrue from  
22 October 1, 2020, for any property taxes payable in 2020 that are delinquent after  
23 October 1, 2020. A taxation district may not waive interest and penalties as provided  
24 in this subsection unless the county board of the county where the taxation district  
25 is located first adopts a resolution authorizing such waiver and establishing criteria

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1 for determining hardship, and the taxation district subsequently adopts a similar  
2 resolution. A county that has adopted a resolution authorizing the waiver of interest  
3 and penalties under this subsection shall settle any taxes, interest, and penalties  
4 collected on or before July 31, 2020, on August 20, 2020, as provided under s. 74.29  
5 (1), and settle the remaining unpaid taxes, interest, and penalties on September 20,  
6 2020. The August 20, 2020, settlement shall be distributed proportionally to the  
7 underlying taxing jurisdictions.

8 (26m) PLAN TO ASSIST MAJOR INDUSTRIES. No later than June 30, 2020, the  
9 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation shall submit to the legislature in the  
10 manner provided under s. 13.172 (2), and to the governor, a report that includes a  
11 plan for providing support to the major industries in this state that have been  
12 adversely affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency, including tourism,  
13 manufacturing, agriculture, forest products, construction, retail, and services.

14 (27m) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; FEDERAL ADVANCES. The secretary of  
15 workforce development shall, to the extent permitted under federal law, seek  
16 advances to the unemployment reserve fund established in s. 108.16 from the federal  
17 government, so as to allow Schedule D under s. 108.18 (4) to remain in effect through  
18 the end of calendar year 2021.

**SECTION 106. Initial applicability.**

19 (1) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; CHARGING OF BENEFITS. The amendment of s.  
20 108.16 (6m) (a) and the creation of ss. 108.04 (2) (d) and 108.07 (5) (bm) first apply  
21 retroactively to weeks of benefits described in s. 108.07 (5) (bm).  
22

23 (2) DEADLINES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FALLING DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH  
24 EMERGENCY. The treatment of s. 323.265 first applies retroactively to a deadline, as

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1 defined in s. 323.265 (1) (b), or training requirement falling during the public health  
2 emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

3 (END)