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**AN ACT** to repeal 20.445 (1) (fc) and 106.15; to amend 16.306 (2) (a), 16.3085 (2) (b), 46.56 (14) (a), 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e., 49.163 (4) (intro.), 49.265 (3) (b) 11., 49.265 (4) (a), 49.265 (4) (b), 49.265 (4) (c), 49.79 (9) (a) 1., 60.85 (7) (a), 60.85 (7) (b), 66.1103 (6m), 66.1105 (6c) (a), 66.1105 (6c) (b), 71.07 (2dx) (a) 5., 71.07 (5r) (b) 2., 71.28 (1dx) (a) 5., 71.47 (5r) (b) 2., 76.636 (1) (e) 12., 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b., 106.11, 106.13 (2), 106.16 (2), 106.27 (1m), 109.07 (1m) (a), 115.28 (24), 238.30 (4m) and 946.13 (10); and to create 16.03 (2) (d), 20.435 (5) (cg), 20.435 (5) (em), 20.437 (2) (cs), 20.445 (1) (fc), 20.505 (7) (fk), 36.25 (56), 46.483, 46.538, 48.47 (8) (d), 49.45 (31m), 49.675, 49.82 (3), 71.07 (8m), 71.10 (4) (cs), 106.115, 115.28 (66), 234.253 and 234.38 of the statutes; relating to: housing and homelessness; workforce development; community action agencies; poverty reports; mental health; public assistance advisory committee; economic security; adverse childhood experiences reports; creating a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for household and dependent care services;
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reimbursement for nonemergency medical transportation services; urban mass
transit aid; and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HOUSING STABILITY

Under current law, the Department of Administration provides housing grants to counties, municipalities, community action agencies, and private organizations for the purpose of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families in order to facilitate the movement of homeless persons to independent living. This bill provides an additional $1,800,000 in the 2019–21 fiscal biennium to fund that grant program.

This bill increases funding for DOA to award grants for the purpose of supplementing the operating budgets of agencies and shelter facilities related to providing shelter to the homeless. The bill provides an additional $700,000 in each fiscal year of the 2019–21 fiscal biennium for that purpose.

This bill also increases funding for DOA to award grants to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing costs. The bill provides an additional $220,000 in each fiscal year of the 2019–21 fiscal biennium for that purpose.

This bill requires the Interagency Council on Homelessness to do all of the following every two years:

1. Review all of the state’s housing and homelessness-related programs.
2. Identify ways in which DOA and other state agencies specified in the bill and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority can increase access to services for homeless individuals and families, including homeless children and youths as defined under federal law.
3. Advise each of the state agencies specified in the bill and WHEDA to revise any policy or practice that the council determines impedes homeless individuals and families from obtaining services.

This bill requires WHEDA to issue up to $1,000,000 in bonds to make grants directly to individuals and families or to one or more local housing authorities for the purpose of providing rent assistance to individuals and families who are in danger of being evicted.

This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to annually issue a report to the legislature on the number of homeless children and youths in the public schools of this state. Under the bill, “homeless children and youths” is defined by reference to federal law providing homeless assistance.

This bill requires WHEDA to annually issue a report to the legislature on the number of households with worst case housing needs in this state. “Households with worst case housing needs” is defined in a manner consistent with that used by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The report must include data and demographic information on these households, analysis of the impediments to obtaining affordable housing, and recommendations on how to improve state and local programs to assist these households with their housing needs.
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This bill creates a two-year pilot program that gives priority to homeless children and their families, as defined under federal law, on the waiting list that WHEDDA, or a public housing agency that contracts with WHEDDA, maintains under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. Under the bill, WHEDDA is required to develop policies and procedures for the pilot program.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB AND INCOME SUPPORTS**

This bill increases funding by $799,400 in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 fiscal biennium to supplement, on a one-to-one matching basis, federal employment opportunity demonstration project funds and funds from other federal and private foundation sources for job creation and development for individuals with low incomes. The program funded by these funds is commonly referred to as the Job and Business Development Program.

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families must distribute grants to community action agencies to provide skills enhancement services, including access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training. This bill provides an additional $500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 fiscal biennium for that purpose.

This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to establish a pilot program that offers job and employment services for individuals receiving housing vouchers or receiving services from state-funded homeless shelters. The bill requires the pilot program to offer services similar to those offered under the existing Transform Milwaukee Jobs and Transitional Jobs programs in current law. The bill funds the pilot program with $500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 fiscal biennium. Under the bill, the pilot program sunsets on June 30, 2021.

Under current law, DCF must distribute grants to community action agencies to provide skills enhancement services, including access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training. Under this program, a community action agency may provide these services to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week and whose earned income is at or below 150 percent of the poverty line. This bill increases the earned income threshold for eligibility to 200 percent of the poverty line.

Under current law, the Department of Transportation may award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of demand management, ride-sharing, and job access and employment transportation assistance programs. This bill increases the amount of state monies appropriated for the development and implementation of job access and employment transportation assistance programs by $249,450 in each year of the 2019-21 fiscal biennium.

Under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), federal funds are allocated to the state and, in turn, to local workforce development areas designated by the governor to provide employment and training activities for job seekers and workers. The WIOA repealed a prior law known as the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), which contained a number of similar provisions. To receive funding under the WIOA, the governor must establish a state workforce development board. This bill requires the board to identify certain
populations for services under their WIOA strategic plans. The populations to be included are: 1) homeless individuals from ages 18 to 24; 2) certain children placed in out-of-home care; and 3) homeless adults.

This bill repeals a provision concerning review and approval of certain matters regarding assistance to dislocated workers that was administered as part of the WIA, but that no longer exists. In addition, the bill updates references to the United States Code sections regarding WIOA.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

This bill provides a 25 percent match from state funding to the federal community services block grant, which funds the work of community action agencies. A community action agency is an entity that provides services such as employment or housing assistance, financial planning, or educational services to individuals whose income is at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty line and that works to combat poverty in the community that it serves.

This bill also requires the Department of Health Services to establish a grant program to provide grants to community action agencies to enable them to respond to the needs of communities and low-income families and individuals in crisis resulting from opioid addiction-related issues. Through the program, DHS is required to endeavor to expand and support effective community efforts to identify and respond to causes and consequences of opioid misuse and addiction experienced by low-income individuals, families, and communities. Under the bill, DHS shall award grants of at least $25,000 and up to $250,000 per year. The bill sets out criteria DHS must use in awarding grants, as well as characteristics of applications to which DHS must give preference. Grants under the bill may not be more than three years in duration unless approved by the DHS secretary.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This bill requires DHS, in consultation with DCF and DOA, to create an advisory committee to review proposed legislation and proposed requests for approval from the federal government of changes to public assistance programs and to review performance data outcomes and costs of changes to public assistance programs after federal approval of changes to those programs. The bill specifies participants DHS must appoint to the advisory committee. The bill also requires a state agency that administers a public assistance program to hold a public comment period before developing language for a proposal to waive federal law and to conduct no fewer than three public hearings on the proposed waiver before submitting to the federal government. The agency may not submit the request on the proposed waiver without prior approval of the proposed waiver request by the Joint Committee on Finance.

SOBER LIVING AND MENTAL HEALTH

This bill requires DHS to encourage the development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences and to allocate moneys to create a revolving loan fund for establishing sober living residences or a network of sober living residences or to award grants for purposes specified in the bill.
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This bill requires DHS to award grants to entities or groups that meet its qualifications to perform research projects on mental health issues and access to mental health services in rural areas of the state.

NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

This bill requires DHS to determine and implement a reimbursement rate for nonemergency medical transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients who are nursing home residents that is the same as the prevalent brokerage reimbursement rate applied to other nonemergency medical transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients.

HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE SERVICES EXPENSES TAX CREDIT

This bill creates a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for certain expenses for household and dependent care services, based on a similar federal credit.

Under current federal law, there exists a tax credit for expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment. Generally, the federal credit is a nonrefundable individual income tax credit that may be claimed by an individual for employment–related expenses for household services and dependent care services for a qualifying individual. Because the credit is nonrefundable, it may be claimed only up to the amount of a taxpayer’s tax liability.

Generally, under federal law, a qualifying individual is someone who has the same principal place of abode as the claimant for more than one-half of the year, is the claimant’s dependent, and is 1) a child age 12 or under; 2) a child age 13 or older who is incapable of self-care; or 3) the claimant’s spouse who is incapable of self-care.

The credit may be claimed for expenses to enable the claimant to be gainfully employed or actively search for gainful employment. Generally, allowable expenses for a qualifying individual under federal law include costs for in–home care or daycare, nursery school or preschool programs, and before–school and after–school care for school–age children. Depending on the claimant’s adjusted gross income, the credit may be worth between 20 percent and 35 percent of the claimant’s allowable expenses, up to a maximum annual amount of $3,000 if there is one qualifying individual and up to $6,000 if there are two or more qualifying individuals.

This bill creates a nonrefundable individual income tax credit based on the federal tax credit for expenses for household and dependent care services. Under the bill, an individual who is eligible for and claims the federal tax credit for expenses for household and dependent care services may claim the same amount as a nonrefundable credit on his or her Wisconsin income tax return. Under the bill, the Wisconsin credit may not be claimed by a part–year resident or nonresident of this state.

TRANSPORTATION

Under current law, DOT provides state aid payments to local public bodies in urban areas served by mass transit systems to assist the local public bodies with the expenses of operating those systems. This bill increases the total amount of state aid payments for mass transit systems serving urban areas having a population of less than 50,000 to $5,707,800 in calendar year 2020 and thereafter.
CHILDREN

This bill requires DCF to prepare and transmit to the governor and the legislature an annual report on the number of children in out-of-home care in the previous year who have experienced adverse childhood experiences. Under current law, a child may be placed in out-of-home care, such as in a foster home, the home of a guardian or relative other than a parent, or a group home, if a court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under the Children’s Code finds the child to be in need of protection or services.

HIGHER EDUCATION

This bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to allocate $50,000 each fiscal year for the Institute for Research on Poverty at the UW-Madison to study and provide an annual report to the public on poverty in this state.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 16.03 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

16.03 (2) (d) No later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, do all of the following:

1. Review all of the state’s housing and homelessness-related programs.

2. Identify ways in which the departments of administration, children and families, health services, public instruction, workforce development, and veterans affairs and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority can increase access to services for homeless individuals and families, including individuals who are included in the category of homeless children and youths, as defined in 42 USC 11434a (2).

3. Advise each of the departments specified in subd. 2. and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to revise any policy or practice of the
department or authority that the council determines impedes homeless individuals and families from obtaining services.

SECTION 2. 16.306 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.306 (2) (a) From the appropriation appropriations under s. 20.505 (7) (fk) and (fm), the department may award a grant to an eligible applicant for the purpose of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families to facilitate their movement to independent living if the conditions under par. (b) are satisfied. The department shall ensure that the funds for the grants are reasonably balanced among geographic areas of the state that correspond to the geographic areas served by each continuum of care organization designated by the federal department of housing and urban development, consistent with the quality of applications submitted award grants under this paragraph on a competitive basis.

SECTION 3. 16.3085 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16.3085 (2) (b) 2. Employment-related services, including connecting parents who are job training graduates or who have a recent work history with their local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122 and assisting them with using the job center website maintained by the department of workforce development.

SECTION 4. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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SECTION 5. 20.435 (5) (cg) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (5) (cg) Rural mental health research grants. The amounts in the schedule for grants for research on mental health issues in rural areas under s. 46.538.

SECTION 6. 20.435 (5) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (5) (em) Sober living residences. Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to support sober living residences or sober living residence networks under s. 46.483.

SECTION 7. 20.437 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

20.437 (2) (cs) Community services block grant; state match. A sum sufficient to match 25 percent of the amounts received under 42 USC 9903 for the federal community services block grant for the purposes for which the the federal community services block grant funds are received.
SECTION 8. 20.445 (1) (fc) of the statutes is created to read:

20.445 (1) (fc) Job and employment services; pilot program. The amounts in the schedule for the pilot program established under 2019 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 53 (1).

SECTION 9. 20.445 (1) (fc) of the statutes, as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 10. 20.505 (7) (fk) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (7) (fk) Housing grants. As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for housing grants under s. 16.306.

SECTION 11. 36.25 (56) of the statutes is created to read:

36.25 (56) Annual poverty study. Of the moneys appropriated to the Board of Regents under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the board shall, beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, allocate $50,000 in each fiscal year for the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to study and provide an annual report to the public on poverty in this state.

SECTION 12. 38.40 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

38.40 (2) Interagency assistance. The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC 2821 3111 and the department of public instruction shall assist the board in providing the technical preparation, school-to-work, and work-based learning programs under sub. (1m).

SECTION 13. 46.483 of the statutes is created to read:

46.483 Sober living residences. (1) Definition. In this section, “sober living residence” means a residential dwelling unit or other form of group housing that is offered or advertised by a person as a residence that provides a peer-supported,
alcohol-free, and drug-free living environment where no treatment services are provided on-site and that would qualify for a loan under 42 USC 300x-25.

(2) REQUIREMENT; FUNDING SUPPORT. The department shall encourage the development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (em), the department shall allocate moneys for any of the following purposes:

(a) Creating a revolving loan fund for establishing a sober living residence or a network of sober living residences.

(b) Awarding grants to train and supervise field workers to provide technical assistance to sober living residences.

(c) Awarding grants to entities that establish sober living residences or to sober living residences to support the development, expansion, and quality operation of sober living residences.

SECTION 14. 46.538 of the statutes is created to read:

46.538 Rural mental health research grants. From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (cg), the department shall award $50,000 cumulatively in grants to entities or groups to perform research projects on mental health issues and access to mental health services in rural areas of the state. The department shall establish qualifications for entities and groups to be eligible to receive a grant under this section.

SECTION 15. 46.56 (14) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.56 (14) (a) In order to support the development of a comprehensive service system of coordinated care for children who are involved in 2 or more systems of care and their families, the department shall establish a state advisory committee with representatives of county departments and tribal governing bodies, the department
of public instruction, educational agencies, the department of children and families, the department of corrections, the juvenile correctional system, professionals experienced in the provision of services to children who are involved in 2 or more systems of care and their families, advocates for such families and their children, the subunit of the department of workforce development that administers vocational rehabilitation, a representative of the local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122, a representative of the philanthropy community, the technical college system, health care providers, courts assigned to exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, child welfare officials, and other appropriate persons as selected by the department. The department may use an existing committee for this purpose if it has representatives from the listed groups and is willing to perform the required functions. This committee shall establish principles and core values for administering initiatives, monitor the development of initiatives throughout the state, and support communication and mutual assistance among operating initiatives as well as those that are being developed.

**SECTION 16.** 48.47 (8) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

48.47 (8) (d) The number of children in out-of-home care in the previous year who have experienced adverse childhood experiences.

**SECTION 17.** 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. Coordinate with local workforce development boards established under 29 USC 2832 3122 to ensure compatibility of purpose and no duplication of effort.

**SECTION 18.** 49.163 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.163 (4) **CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION.** (intro.) The department may contract with any person to administer the program under this section, including a
Wisconsin Works agency; county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23; local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122; or community action agency under s. 49.265. The department, or the agency or agencies with which the department contracts under this subsection, shall do all of the following:

**SECTION 19.** 49.265 (3) (b) 11. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.265 (3) (b) 11. Provide, to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week and whose earned income is at or below 150% of the poverty line, a program of skills enhancement that shall include access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training.

**SECTION 20.** 49.265 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.265 (4) (a) The department shall distribute the federal community services block grant funds received under 42 USC 9903 and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.437 (2) (mg). From the appropriation account under s. 20.437 (2) (cs), the department shall distribute funds in an amount equal to 25 percent of the amounts received under 42 USC 9903.

**SECTION 21.** 49.265 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.265 (4) (b) The department shall allocate at least 90 percent of the funds received under 42 USC 9903 and the state matching funds under par. (a) to community action agencies and organizations.

**SECTION 22.** 49.265 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.265 (4) (c) The department may not allocate more than 5 percent of the funds received under 42 USC 9903 and the state matching funds under par. (a) for state administrative expenses.

**SECTION 23.** 49.45 (31m) of the statutes is created to read:
49.45 (31m) NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS. The department shall determine and apply a reimbursement rate for nonemergency medical transportation services under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 3. for Medical Assistance recipients who are nursing home residents that is the same as the prevalent brokerage reimbursement rate applied to other nonemergency medical transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients under this subchapter.

SECTION 24. 49.675 of the statutes is created to read:

49.675 Community action opioid response grant program. (1) In this section, “community action agency” means an eligible entity as defined under 42 USC 9902 (1) (A).

(2) The department shall establish a grant program to enable community action agencies to respond to the needs of communities and low-income families and individuals in crisis resulting from the opioid addiction epidemic. Through the program under this section, the department shall endeavor to expand and support effective community efforts to identify and respond to causes and consequences of opioid misuse and addiction experienced by low-income individuals, families, and communities.

(3) Any community action agency is eligible to apply for a grant under this section by submitting an application in the form and manner specified by the department.

(4) A recipient of a grant under this section may use the moneys to support one or more of the following activities, which may be conducted in coordination or partnership with other community organizations:
(a) Enhanced public education to improve individual and community awareness, with respect to the opioid misuse or addiction, including for children and youth.

(b) Outreach and identification of individuals at risk of or experiencing opioid misuse or addiction, and referral of such individuals to appropriate treatment, recovery, or other resources in the community.

(c) Direct services to prevent, treat, or recover from opioid addiction.

(d) Services to stabilize the education, employment, housing, transportation, or other needs of addicted or at-risk individuals and their family members.

(e) Services to address and mitigate the impact of opioid addiction on children in the household.

(f) Support and assistance to children who are in foster care or at risk of placement in foster care because of the opioid addiction of their parents and to the caregivers for these children.

(g) Development of partnerships with entities such as local health care providers, substance abuse treatment organizations, schools, child welfare agencies, social service organizations, police departments, prosecutors, courts, prisons, local governments, businesses, and religious institutions, in order to coordinate or expand resources available to addicted or at-risk individuals and their family members.

(h) Training for agency personnel on issues related to opioid addiction, including early identification of at-risk individuals and administration of overdose prevention medications.

(5) Each grant awarded by the department under this section shall be at least $25,000 and not more than $250,000 each fiscal year.
(6) A grant awarded by the department under this section may not be more than 3 years in duration unless approved by the secretary based on outcome data or extenuating circumstances.

(7) Each grant recipient shall submit an annual report to the department detailing goals, interventions, outcomes, and expenditures related to the recipient’s program funded by a grant under this section. Each grant recipient shall make each report under this subsection publicly available on the recipient’s Internet site. The department shall publish each report submitted under this subsection on the department’s Internet site and coordinate with the department of children and families to provide additional public access to the reports through the Internet site of the department of children and families. Annually, the department shall compile reports submitted under this subsection and submit the compilation with a report containing a summary of the information in the recipients’ reports to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2).

(8) The department shall publish on its Internet site the application process and criteria for grants under this section. In order to be eligible for a grant under this section, the department shall require each application submitted to include all of the following items:

(a) A description of the objectives of the program and activities to be funded by the grant and how the grant will be used to achieve these objectives, including specific activities and services to be conducted, and specific populations or areas to be served, including any targeted subgroups, such as incarcerated or homeless individuals.

(b) A description of innovative approaches to be used and evidence of likely success.
(c) A plan for measuring progress in achieving the objectives identified under par. (a), including a strategy to collect data that can be used to measure the project’s effectiveness.

(d) Identification of relevant community or other organizations with which the applicant will coordinate or partner and a description of the proposed coordination or partnership.

(e) Sufficient affirmation, as determined by the department, that the applicant has conducted an assessment of community needs related to opioid misuse and addiction among low-income individuals and families, and that the proposed uses of the grant funds will address unmet needs identified by the assessment.

(f) Confirmation that any funds awarded through the grant program under this section will not supplant other programs or resources in the community with similar objectives.

(g) Confirmation that the recipient will use evidence-based approaches to the maximum extent practicable.

(9) In considering applications for grants under this section, the department shall consider and give priority to applications that demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

(a) Evidence of coordination and partnership with agencies or entities with experience or expertise in addressing opioid-related issues.

(b) Evidence of leveraging nonstate funds or in-kind resources to extend the reach or duration of the program proposed by the application.

(c) Quality of methodology proposed to monitor the outcomes of the program proposed by the application and effectiveness in achieving the goals of the program and mitigating the harmful health and socioeconomic impacts of opioid addiction.
(d) Evidence of capacity-building and strengthening of community responses
to the opioid crisis.

(e) Efforts to minimize the trauma and negative impact of foster care on
children of addicted individuals.

(f) Demonstrated knowledge of opioid-related needs in the target community.

(g) Use of innovative or evidence-based approaches to address unmet opioid
needs, including to promote self-sufficiency and well-being for families with
children impacted by opioid addiction.

SECTION 25. 49.79 (9) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.79 (9) (a) 1. The department shall administer an employment and training
program for recipients under the food stamp program and may contract with county
departments under ss. 46.215, 46.22, and 46.23, multicounty consortia, local
workforce development boards established under 29 USC 2832 3122, tribal
governing bodies, or other organizations to carry out the administrative functions.
A county department, multicounty consortium, local workforce development board,
tribal governing body, or other organization may subcontract with a Wisconsin
Works agency or another provider to administer the employment and training
program under this subsection.

SECTION 26. 49.82 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

49.82 (3) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The department of health
services, in consultation with the department of children and families and the
department of administration, shall create an advisory committee to review
proposed legislation and proposed requests for approval from the federal
government of changes to public assistance programs and to review performance
data, outcomes, and costs of changes to public assistance programs after federal approval of changes to those programs.

(b) The department of health services shall appoint to the advisory committee under par. (a) participants in public assistance programs; representatives of advocacy groups, including groups that support the rights of individuals with physical and invisible disabilities; at least one representative from a community action program; providers of services under public assistance programs; representatives of the state agencies that administer public assistance programs; members of the legislature, suggested by the majority and minority leaders of both houses of the legislature; and policy experts from organizations such as the University of Wisconsin’s Population Health Institute and Institute for Research on Poverty.

(c) A state agency that administers a public assistance program that is the subject of a proposed waiver request to be submitted to the federal government shall, in collaboration with the advisory committee under par. (a), do all of the following:

1. Hold a public comment period lasting at least 30 days before the development of the waiver proposal language.

2. Conduct no fewer than 3 public hearings on the proposed waiver before the waiver is submitted to the federal government.

(d) No state agency may submit a request to waive federal law involving a public assistance program without approval of the proposed waiver request by the joint committee on finance.

SECTION 27. 60.85 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.85 (7) (a) Any person who operates for profit and is paid project costs under sub. (1) (h) 1. a., d., i., and j. in connection with the project plan for a tax incremental
district shall notify the department of workforce development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122 of any positions to be filled in the county in which the town that created the tax incremental district is located during the period commencing with the date the person first performs work on the project and ending one year after receipt of its final payment of project costs. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

SECTION 28. 60.85 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.85 (7) (b) Any person who operates for profit and buys or leases property in a tax incremental district from a town for which the town incurs real property assembly costs under sub. (1) (h) 1. c. shall notify the department of workforce development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122 of any position to be filled in the county in which the town creating the tax incremental district is located within one year after the sale or commencement of the lease. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

SECTION 29. 66.1103 (6m) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.1103 (6m) NOTIFICATION OF POSITION OPENINGS. A municipality or county may not enter into a revenue agreement with any person who operates for profit unless that person has agreed to notify the department of workforce development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122, of any position to be filled in that municipality or county within one year after issuance of the revenue bonds. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks before advertising the position. The notice required by this subsection does not affect the offer of employment requirements of sub. (4s).

SECTION 30. 66.1105 (6c) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
66.1105 (6c) (a) Any person who operates for profit and is paid project costs under sub. (2) (f) 1. a., d., j. and k. in connection with the project plan for a tax incremental district shall notify the department of workforce development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122, of any positions to be filled in the county in which the city which created the tax incremental district is located during the period commencing with the date the person first performs work on the project and ending one year after receipt of its final payment of project costs. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

SECTION 31. 66.1105 (6c) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.1105 (6c) (b) Any person who operates for profit and buys or leases property in a tax incremental district from a city for which the city incurs real property assembly costs under sub. (2) (f) 1. c. shall notify the department of workforce development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122, of any position to be filled in the county in which the city creating the tax incremental district is located within one year after the sale or commencement of the lease. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

SECTION 32. 71.07 (2dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

71.07 (2dx) (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area, a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position, a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who
is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational
rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically
disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general
assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer
youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in
29 USC 2801 (9) 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified
in the manner under s. 71.07 (2dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency,
as defined in s. 71.07 (2dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

SECTION 33. 71.07 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

71.07 (5r) (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred
for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary
institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a
projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce
development boards established under 29 USC 2832 3122, and if the individual was
eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

SECTION 34. 71.07 (8m) of the statutes is created to read:

71.07 (8m) ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES TAX CREDIT.

(a) Definitions. In this subsection:

1. “Claimant” means an individual who is eligible for and claims the household
and dependent care expenses tax credit for the taxable year to which the claim under
this subsection relates.

2. “Household and dependent care expenses tax credit” means the tax credit
under section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Filing claims. Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection, a
claimant may claim as a credit against the tax imposed under s. 71.02, up to the
amount of those taxes, an amount equal to the amount of the household and
dependent care expenses tax credit that the taxpayer claimed on his or her federal
income tax return for the taxable year to which the claim under this subsection
relates.

(c) Limitations. 1. No credit may be allowed under this subsection unless it
is claimed within the time period under s. 71.75 (2).

2. No credit may be allowed under this subsection for a taxable year covering
a period of less than 12 months, except for a taxable year closed by reason of the death
of the taxpayer.

3. The credit under this subsection may not be claimed by either a part-year
resident or nonresident of this state.

(d) Administration. Subsection (9e) (d), to the extent that it applies to the credit
under that subsection, applies to the credit under this subsection.

SECTION 35. 71.10 (4) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

71.10 (4) (cs) Additional household and dependent care expenses tax credit
under s. 71.07 (8m).

SECTION 36. 71.28 (1dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

71.28 (1dx) (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides
in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area,
a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility
requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position,
a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or
in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who
is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational
rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically
disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in 29 USC 2801 (9) 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified in the manner under s. 71.28 (1dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency, as defined in s. 71.28 (1dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

SECTION 37. 71.47 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

71.47 (5r) (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce development boards established under 29 USC 2832 3122, and if the individual was eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

SECTION 38. 76.636 (1) (e) 12. of the statutes is amended to read:

76.636 (1) (e) 12. A dislocated worker, as defined in 29 USC 2801 (9) 3102 (15).

SECTION 39. 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. For the purpose of making allocations under subd. 8. a., the amounts for aids are $5,267,000 in calendar years 2012 and 2013, $4,989,300 in calendar year 2014, and $5,188,900 in calendar year 2015 to 2019 and $5,707,800 in calendar year 2020 thereafter. These amounts, to the extent practicable, shall be used to determine the uniform percentage in the particular calendar year.

SECTION 40. 106.11 of the statutes is amended to read:

106.11 Workforce investment programs. The department shall cooperate with the federal government in carrying out the purposes of the federal Workforce
Investment Act of 1998, 29 USC 2801 to 2945 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, 29 USC 3101 to 3361. In administering the programs authorized by that act the department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies, the council on workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111, and with local workforce development boards established under 29 USC 2832 3122, establish a statewide workforce investment system to meet the employment, training, and educational needs of persons in this state. If a local workforce development board anticipates that there may be a business closing or mass layoff under s. 109.07 in the area served by that board, the board may prepare a list of resources available in that area that provide career planning, job search, job skills training, and other support services for affected employees, as defined in s. 109.07 (1) (a), including contact information for those resources, for distribution to those employees under s. 109.07 (1m) (a).

SECTION 41. 106.115 of the statutes is created to read:

106.115 Council on workforce investment. (1) In this section, “homeless” has the meaning given in 42 USC 11302 (a).

(2) The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111 shall identify all of the following populations of individuals with a barrier to employment to receive employment, training, and educational services when submitting the state plan required by section 3113 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014:

(a) Homeless individuals from 18 to 24 years of age.

(b) Children placed in out-of-home care under ch. 48.

(c) Homeless adults over age 24.

SECTION 42. 106.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
106.13 (2) The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC 2821 3111, the technical college system board, and the department of public instruction shall assist the department in providing the youth apprenticeship program under sub. (1).

**SECTION 43.** 106.15 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 44.** 106.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.16 (2) Any company that receives a loan or grant from a state agency or an authority under ch. 231 or 234 shall notify the department and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122, of any position in the company that is related to the project for which the grant or loan is received to be filled in this state within one year after receipt of the loan or grant. The company shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

**SECTION 45.** 106.27 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.27 (1m) **LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM.** From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bm), the department shall develop and maintain a labor market information system to collect, analyze, and disseminate information on current and projected employment opportunities in this state and other appropriate information relating to labor market dynamics as determined by the department. The department shall make the information contained in the system available, free of charge, to school districts, technical colleges, tribal colleges, institutions and college campuses within the University of Wisconsin System, local workforce development boards established under 29 USC 2832 3122, employers, job seekers, and the general public, including making that information available on the department’s Internet site.

**SECTION 46.** 109.07 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
109.07 (1m) (a) Subject to sub. (5) or (6), an employer that has decided upon
a business closing or mass layoff in this state shall promptly notify the subunit of the
department that administers s. 106.15, any affected employee, any collective
bargaining representative of any affected employee, and the highest official of any
municipality in which the affected employment site is located, in writing of such
action no later than 60 days prior to the date on which the business closing or mass
layoff takes place. The notice to an affected employee shall also include contact
information for the local workforce development board under 29 USC 2832 3122
serving the area in which the employment site is located and, if available, the list of
resources prepared under s. 106.11. The employer shall provide in writing all
information concerning its payroll, affected employees, and the wages and other
remuneration owed to those employees as the department may require. The
department may in addition require the employer to submit a plan setting forth the
manner in which final payment in full shall be made to affected employees.

SECTION 47. 115.28 (24) of the statutes is amended to read:

115.28 (24) PRIORITY IN AWARDING GRANTS. Give priority in awarding grants to
school boards under s. 115.36, and in awarding grants from federal funds received
under 20 USC 2301 to 2471, 20 USC 4601 to 4665 and 29 USC 2862 (b) (1) (B), to
programs that provide more than one of the educational services specified under s.
115.36, 115.915, 118.01 (2) (d) 7. or 8. or 118.153 or 20 USC 2301 to 2471, 20 USC 4601
to 4665 or 29 USC 2862 3172 (b) (1) (B).

SECTION 48. 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:

115.28 (66) REPORT ON HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS. Annually, submit to the
chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under
s. 13.172 (2), a report on the number of homeless children and youths, as defined in
42 USC 11434a (2), in the public schools of this state.

SECTION 49. 234.253 of the statutes is created to read:

234.253 Report on households with worst case housing needs. (1)

DEFINITIONS. In this section, “households with worst case housing needs” means
households that meet all of the following criteria:

(a) Are renters.
(b) Do not receive federal, state, or local housing assistance.
(c) Have incomes of no more than 50 percent of the area median income, as
determined by the federal department of housing and urban development and
adjusted for family size.
(d) Live in severely inadequate conditions, as determined by the federal
department of housing and urban development, or pay more than half of their income
for rent, or both.

(2) ANNUAL REPORT. The authority shall annually submit to the chief clerk of
each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2),
a report on the number of households with worst case housing needs in this state.
The report shall include the number of households with worst case housing needs by
county, demographic statistics and information on these households, analysis of the
impediments to securing affordable housing, and recommended changes to state and
local programs to assist these households with securing affordable housing.

SECTION 50. 234.38 of the statutes is created to read:

234.38 Eviction prevention grants. The authority shall issue its negotiable
bonds in such principal amount and length of maturity as to provide sufficient funds,
not to exceed $1,000,000, to make grants directly to individuals and families or to one
or more housing authorities under s. 59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, or 66.1213 for the
purpose of providing rent assistance to individuals and families who are in danger
of being evicted from their residences.

SECTION 50. 238.30 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

238.30 (4m) “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides in an
area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area, a
person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility requirements
under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position, a person who
is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or in a trial
employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who is
eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational
rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically
disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general
assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a dislocated worker,
as defined in 29 USC 2801 (9) 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has
been certified in the manner under 26 USC 51 (d) (13) (A) by a designated local
agency, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (12).

SECTION 51. 946.13 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

946.13 (10) Subsection (1) (a) does not apply to a member of a local workforce
development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122 or to a member of the
council on workforce investment established under 29 USC 2821 3111.

SECTION 52. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) JOB AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM. The department of workforce
development shall establish a pilot program to provide supportive job and
employment services to individuals receiving housing vouchers or receiving services
from state-funded homeless shelters. The pilot program established under this subsection shall provide similar job and employment services to those provided under the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs program under s. 49.163. The department shall establish eligibility criteria for individuals participating in the pilot program, and the program shall be administered by the department or another entity authorized to administer the programs under s. 49.163 (4). The department of workforce development shall pay for the pilot program under this subsection from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (fc). The pilot program established under this subsection shall sunset on June 30, 2021.

(2) Pilot program for homeless children and youths. The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority shall develop policies and procedures for and implement a 2-year pilot program that gives priority to individuals who are included in the category of homeless children and youths, as defined in 42 USC 11434a (2), and families with at least one individual included in that category on the waiting list that the authority, or a public housing agency that contracts with the authority, maintains for vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

(3) Community action opioid response grant program. During the 2019–21 fiscal biennium, the department of health services shall award no more than a total of $2,000,000 per fiscal year in grant moneys under s. 49.675.

Section 54. Fiscal changes.

(1) State supplement to employment opportunity demonstration projects. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of workforce development under s. 20.445 (1) (cr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by $799,400 for the purposes for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department
of workforce development under s. 20.445 (1) (cr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by $799,400 for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.

(2) Grants to Defray Housing Costs. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by $220,000 for grants under s. 16.303 (1) (a) to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing costs. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by $220,000 for grants under s. 16.303 (1) (a) to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing costs.

(3) Grants to Supplement the Operating Budgets of Agencies and Shelter Facilities. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (fm), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by $700,000 for grants under s. 16.308 (2) (a) for the purpose of supplementing the operating budgets of agencies and shelter facilities providing shelter to the homeless. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (fm), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by $700,000 for grants under s. 16.308 (2) (a) for the purpose of supplementing the operating budgets of agencies and shelter facilities providing shelter to the homeless.

(4) Skills Enhancement Program. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by $500,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by $500,000 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

(5) **EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE.** In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (bs), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by $249,450 to award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of job access and employment transportation assistance programs. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (bs), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by $249,450 to award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of job access and employment transportation assistance programs.

**SECTION 55. Initial applicability.**

(1) **ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES TAX CREDIT.** The treatment of ss. 71.07 (8m) and 71.10 (4) (cs) first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except that if this subsection takes effect after July 31, the treatment of ss. 71.07 (8m) and 71.10 (4) (cs) first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

**SECTION 56. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2019 biennial budget act, whichever is later, except as follows:

(1) The repeal of s. 20.445 (1) (fc) takes effect on June 30, 2021.

(END)