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CHAPTER 616

AN ACT to renumber 48.58; to amend 20.005 (2) (a) (line 656), 20.670 (22), 48.55 and 49.19 (10); and to create 48.58 (2) of the statutes, relating to liability for the cost of the care of certain children and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.005 (2) (a) (line 656) of the statutes is amended to read:

SECTION 2. 20.670 (22) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.670 (22) STATE AID FOR COUNTY INSTITUTIONS. Annually, such sums as may be necessary for state aid to county institutions as provided in ss. 48.58 (2), 49.173, 51.08, 51.09, 51.12, 51.25 (2) and 51.27 (2).

SECTION 3. 48.55 of the statutes is amended to read:

48.55 The county of legal settlement * * * shall be * * * liable for the cost of care of children in legal custody of the department, except for children in homes which do not receive board payments. The charge shall be one-half of the average cost, excluding administration, for children placed in foster homes by the department and for which board payments are made. These charges shall be adjusted in accordance with s. 46.106.

SECTION 4. 48.58 (intro. par.), and (1), (2) and (3) of the statutes are renumbered 48.58 (1) (intro. par.), and (a), (b) and (c), respectively.

SECTION 5. 48.58 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

48.58 (2) A county shall be reimbursed by the state for 50 per cent of the average cost of the care of the children who are in the children's home under sub. (1) (a) and (b). The cost shall be computed as provided in s. 48.55. The claim shall be in such form and contain such information as prescribed by the department. If the department is satisfied as to the correctness of the claim it shall certify the same for payment from the appropriation made by s. 20.670 (22). Payments shall be made annually for the fiscal year ending June 30, the first payment to be for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958.

SECTION 6. 49.19 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.19 (10) Aid under this section may also be granted to a non-relative who cares for a child dependent upon the public for proper support in a foster home having a license under s. 48.62, regardless of the cause or prospective period of dependency. The state shall reimburse any county for * * * one-half of the amount of aid granted under this subsec-

tion. The county treasurer and the county agency administrator shall certify monthly in the manner provided in sub. (8) to the * * * department * * * the claim of the county for state reimbursement under this subsection, setting forth the entire amount granted by the county under this subsection. If the * * * department * * * is satisfied that the aid was granted under this subsection it shall certify to the director of budget and accounts for payment to the county * * * one-half of such entire amount from the appropriation for state aid made under s. 20.670 * * * (11) and in the event that there shall be federal reimbursement for such aid then such certification shall also include for payment to the county the amount allowed as federal aid to be paid out of the appropriation made by s. 20.670 (51).

SECTION 6a. The appropriation made by section 20.670 (11) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1957, is increased by adding the following amount:

Public Welfare department

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Dependent children 20.670 (11) for the purpose of providing for dependent children.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1957.

Approved August 14, 1957.