

Chapter 604

AN ACT to renumber 49.19 (10) ; to amend 48.55 and 49.19 (1) (a) ; and to create 49.19 (10) (b) and (c) of the statutes, relating to the granting of aid to dependent children to children who are residing in a foster home or in a licensed child-caring institution.

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

SECTION 1. 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. The charge for children placed in licensed child-caring institutions by the department for which payments are made shall be one-half of the average licensed child-caring institution costs excluding administration. The charge for all other children in the legal custody of the department shall be one-half of the average costs, 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 2. 49.19 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.19 (1) (a) A "dependent child" as used in this section means a child under the age of 18, who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from the home, or incapacity of a parent, and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousins, nephews or nieces in a residence maintained by one or more such relatives as his or their own home, or living in a residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home because the parents of said child have been found unfit to have its care and custody, or who is living in a foster home having a license under s. 48.62, when a license is required under such section, or a child-caring institution licensed under s. 48.60 and placed in such home or institution by a county agency pursuant to ch. 48.

SECTION 3. 49.19 (10) of the statutes is renumbered 49.19 (10) (a).

SECTION 4. 49.19 (10) (b) and (c) of the statutes are created to read:

49.19 (10) (b) Aid under this section may also be granted on behalf of a child in the legal custody of a county agency providing child welfare services when such child is placed in a licensed child-caring institution by such county agency. Reimbursement shall be made by the state pursuant to par. (a).

(c) Reimbursement under par. (a) may also be paid to the county when the child is placed in a licensed foster home or child-caring institution by a licensed child welfare agency, if the child is in the legal custody of the county agency providing child welfare services and the placement is made pursuant to an agreement with the county agency.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1966.

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