



State of Wisconsin  
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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**FOR 2011-13 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**WISCONSIN WORKS**

The Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. Also, under a W-2 program known as Wisconsin Shares, an individual who is the parent of a child under the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, under the age of 19, may receive a child care subsidy if the individual needs child care services to participate in various educational or work activities and satisfies other eligibility criteria.

This bill authorizes DCF, which administers the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program, to do any of the following to reduce costs under the program:

1. Implement a waiting list.
2. Increase the copayments that individuals who receive a subsidy pay.
3. Adjust the amount of reimbursement paid to child care providers.
4. Adjust the gross income levels for eligibility for subsidies.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 49.155 (6d) of the statutes is created to read:

49.155 **(6d)** COST-SAVING MEASURES. To reduce costs under the program under this section, the department may do any of the following:

(a) Notwithstanding sub. (1m), implement a waiting list for receipt of a child care subsidy under this section.

(b) Notwithstanding sub. (5), increase the copayment amount that an individual must pay toward the cost of child care received under this section.

(c) Notwithstanding sub. (6), adjust the amount of reimbursement paid to child care providers providing child care services under this section.

(d) Notwithstanding sub. (1m), adjust the gross income levels for eligibility for receipt of a child care subsidy under this section.

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