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FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WISCONSIN WORKS

The Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law, which is administered by DCF, provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. Also, 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 under the part of the W-2 program known as Wisconsin Shares if the individual needs child care services to participate in various education or work activities and satisfies other eligibility criteria.

Under current law, DCF contracts with a person (W-2 agency) to administer W-2 in a geographical area. Within 60 days of being awarded a W-2 contract, a W-2 agency is required to establish a community steering committee to focus on job creation, job training, and other employment-related services for persons who are eligible for trial employment match program jobs or community service jobs. Current law requires the W-2 agency to recommend members of the committee to the chief executive officer (CEO) of each county the agency serves. Generally, the CEO of each county appoints members to the committee in proportion to the population of that county relative to the population of each other county served by the W-2 agency. A committee must have no less than 12 members and no more than 15 members.

Under this bill, a W-2 agency appoints the members of a community steering committee. The bill requires a W-2 agency to appoint to the committee, for each county the agency serves, either one representative of a county department responsible for economic development or one representative of a city department responsible for the economic development for a city that is in the county. The bill requires a W-2 agency to appoint at least one representative of business interests as a member of the committee. The bill also increases the maximum number of members on a committee to 20, allows a W-2 agency to establish more than one committee, and makes changes to some of the required activities of a committee.

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

SECTION 1. 49.143 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.143 (2) (a) (intro.) Establish ~~a~~ at least one community steering committee within 60 days after the date on which the contract is awarded signed. A Wisconsin Works agency must establish as many committees as necessary to allow the representation required under subd. 1m. on each committee without exceeding the maximum number of members under subd. 1m. All of the following apply to a community steering committee created under this paragraph:

1m. The Wisconsin works Works agency shall recommend the members of the committee to the chief executive officer of each county served by the Wisconsin works agency. ~~The chief executive officer of each county shall appoint the members of the committee. The number of members that each chief executive officer appoints to the committee shall be in proportion to the population of that officer's county relative to the population of each other county served by the Wisconsin works agency, except that the chief executive officer of a county that is not a Wisconsin works agency shall appoint the director of the county department under s. 46.215, 46.22 or 46.23, or his or her designee, and one other representative of the county department under s.~~

~~46.215, 46.22 or 46.23. The committee shall consist of at least 12 members, but not more than 15 members. within the following parameters:~~

2m. The members of the committee shall appoint a chairperson who shall be a person who represents business interests.

4m. The committee shall do all of the following:

SECTION 2. 49.143 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. a.

SECTION 3. 49.143 (2) (a) 1m. a. of the statutes is created to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 1m. a. The total number of members on the committee may not exceed 20.

SECTION 4. 49.143 (2) (a) 1m. b. of the statutes is created to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 1m. b. Each county that the Wisconsin Works agency serves must be represented on a committee by a member who is a representative of a county department responsible for economic development, of a city department responsible for economic development for a city that is in that county, or of the business community in that county. The Wisconsin Works agency shall appoint at least one representative of business interests as a member of the committee.

SECTION 5. 49.143 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. b. and amended to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 4m. b. Identify and encourage employers to provide permanent jobs for persons who are eligible for ~~trial employment match program jobs or community service jobs~~ Wisconsin Works.

SECTION 6. 49.143 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is renumbered 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. c. and amended to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 4m. c. Create, and encourage others to create, subsidized jobs for persons who are eligible for ~~trial employment match program jobs or community service jobs~~ Wisconsin Works.

SECTION 7. 49.143 (2) (a) 4. of the statutes is renumbered 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. d. and amended to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 4m. d. Create, and encourage others to create, ~~on-the-job training sites~~ work experience opportunities, including supported work experience, for persons who are eligible for ~~trial employment match program jobs or community service jobs~~ Wisconsin Works.

SECTION 8. 49.143 (2) (a) 5. and 6. of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 49.143 (2) (a) 3m. and amended to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 3m. ~~Foster~~ The committee may foster and guide the entrepreneurial efforts of participants who are eligible for ~~trial employment match program jobs or community service jobs~~. ~~6. Provide~~ Wisconsin Works and provide mentors, both from its membership and from recruitment of members of the community, to provide job-related guidance, including assistance in resolving job-related issues and the provision of job leads or references, to persons who are eligible for ~~trial employment match program jobs or community service jobs~~ Wisconsin Works.

SECTION 9. 49.143 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes is renumbered 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. and amended to read:

49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. Coordinate with ~~the council on workforce investment~~ local workforce development boards established under 29 USC ~~2821~~ 2832 to ensure compatibility of purpose and no duplication of effort.

SECTION 10. 49.143 (2) (a) 8. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 11. 49.143 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 12. 49.147 (4) (at) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.147 (4) (at) *Motivational training.* A Wisconsin ~~works~~ Works agency may require a participant, during the first 2 weeks of participation under this subsection, to participate in an assessment and motivational training program identified by the ~~community steering committee under s. 49.143 (2) (a) 10.~~ The Wisconsin ~~works~~ Works agency may require not more than 40 hours of participation per week under this paragraph in lieu of the participation requirement under par. (as).

SECTION 13. 49.147 (5) (bt) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.147 (5) (bt) *Motivational training.* A Wisconsin ~~works~~ Works agency may require a participant, during the first 2 weeks of participation under this subsection, to participate in an assessment and motivational training program identified by the ~~community steering committee under s. 49.143 (2) (a) 10.~~ The Wisconsin ~~works~~ Works agency may require not more than 40 hours of participation per week under this paragraph in lieu of the participation requirement under par. (bs).

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