



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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This bill makes various changes to the eligibility requirements and authorized hours under Wisconsin Shares. Wisconsin Shares is a part of the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law, which is administered by DCF and which provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. Under 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 provides that an individual does not lose eligibility for a child care subsidy for a child who attains the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, attains the age of 19 until the individual's eligibility is redetermined. The bill also provides that a child's development and learning and promote continuity of care must be taken into consideration the number of hours of child care is authorized, and that those hours need not be based on the individual's schedule of educational or work activities or the number of hours the individual spends in educational or work activities.

The bill adds a requirement that a child for whom a child care subsidy is sought be immunized according to the immunization requirements implemented by DHS.

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

SECTION 1. 49.155 (1m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.155 (1m) ELIGIBILITY. (intro.) Except as provided in ~~s. 49.155 sub. (3g)~~, the department shall determine, contract with a county department or agency to determine, or contract with a county department or agency to share determination of the eligibility of individuals residing in a particular geographic region or who are members of a particular Indian tribal unit for child care subsidies under this section. Under this section, and subject to sub. (2), an individual may receive a subsidy for child care for a child who has not attained the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, who has not attained the age of 19, if the individual meets all of the following conditions:

SECTION 2. 49.155 (1m) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

49.155 (1m) (br) The child is immunized as required under s. 252.04. Notwithstanding s. 252.04 (3), for purposes of this paragraph the immunization requirement may only be waived for reasons of health or religion.

SECTION 3. 49.155 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

49.155 (2) ELIGIBILITY BASED ON THE CHILD'S AGE. Notwithstanding sub. (1m) (intro.) and (a) (intro.), an individual does not lose eligibility for a child care subsidy for a child who attains the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, attains the age of 19 until the department or the county department or agency redetermines the individual's eligibility.

SECTION 4. 49.155 (6g) (a) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

49.155 **(6g)** (a) 5. The department shall take into consideration child learning and development and shall promote continuity of care when authorizing hours of child care. The department is not required to limit authorized hours based on the individual's schedule of activities under sub. (1m) (a) or the number of hours the individual spends in those activities.

(END)