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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 1056**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### BACKGROUND

Current law allows the Department of Health Services (DHS) to require counties to maintain a specified level of contribution for the Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) program. DHS must determine the amount of contribution that a county is required to maintain based on the historical county expenditures for the CLTS program. Counties must cooperate with DHS to determine an equitable funding methodology and county contribution mechanism, and must also ensure that the county contributions are expended for CLTS program in the counties. In addition, current law authorizes DHS to contract with a county or a group of counties to deliver CLTS services.

### 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1056

Under Assembly Bill 1056, the funding methodology described above no longer applies after December 31, 2024. Rather, the bill requires that, beginning on the bill’s effective date, DHS must cooperate with counties to review county contributions for the CLTS program and develop a revised funding methodology to take effect on January 1, 2025. In developing the revised funding methodology, DHS may not require a county to maintain any level of contribution for the CLTS program.

The bill also requires that DHS, by June 1, 2024, report to certain legislative committees the amount and source of funds that may be reallocated following implementation of the revised funding methodology.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the bill as follows:

- Requires both DHS and the counties to cooperate in reviewing the county contributions and developing a revised funding methodology, rather than requiring DHS to cooperate with counties, as provided under the bill.
- Extends the revised funding methodology’s effective date to July 1, 2025, rather than January 1, 2025, as provided in the bill.
- Specifies that a county or group of counties that has contracted with DHS to deliver CLTS services is responsible for completing the eligibility and enrollment process according to DHS policy.
- Requires that a county or group of counties that has contracted with DHS to deliver CLTS services designate a support and service coordinator for a participant and the participant’s family as soon as possible after a participant is referred to the CLTS program, and further requires the coordinator to complete a participant’s individual service plan within 90 calendar days of the date on which the participant was referred to the CLTS program.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Schraa offered Assembly Amendment 1 on February 13, 2024. On February 15, 2024, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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