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1 **AN ACT to amend** 49.19 (2) (a); and **to create** 49.02 (2g) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** verification of eligibility for general relief and aid to families with dependent
3 children.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a county to make a home visit to investigate an applicant's eligibility for general relief and aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) if the applicant has moved into the county less than 3 months before applying for general relief or AFDC. Current law allows the department of health and social services (DHSS) to require a county to make a home visit to investigate the circumstances of a child before granting AFDC if DHSS finds that a need exists. This bill also allows DHSS to require a county to make a home visit to investigate the eligibility of an applicant for general relief or AFDC if DHSS finds that a need exists.

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

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 49.02 (2g) of the statutes is created to read:
5 49.02 (**2g**) The general relief agency shall make, or shall contract with a 3rd
6 party to make, a home visit to investigate the eligibility of an applicant for general
7 relief before granting aid if the applicant has moved into the county less than 90 days
8 before applying for general relief. The department may require a general relief

1 agency to make a home visit for this purpose in other circumstances if the
2 department finds that a need exists. A report upon a home visit shall be made in
3 writing and shall become a part of the record in the case.

4 **SECTION 2.** 49.19 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 49.19 (2) (a) ~~A home visit may be made at the option of the~~ The county
6 department under s. 46.215, 46.22 or 46.23 may make, or may contract with a 3rd
7 party to make, a home visit to investigate the circumstances of the child before
8 granting aid. The county department shall make, or shall contract with a 3rd party
9 to make, a home visit to investigate the applicant's eligibility before granting aid if
10 the applicant has moved into the county less than 90 days before applying for aid.

11 The department may, ~~however,~~ require a county department to make a home visit ~~for~~
12 ~~this purpose~~ to investigate the circumstances of the child or the applicant's eligibility
13 if the department finds that a need exists. A report upon a home visit shall be made
14 in writing and become a part of the record in the case. Every applicant shall be
15 promptly notified in writing of the disposition of his or her application. Aid shall be
16 furnished with reasonable promptness to any eligible individual.

17 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

18 (1) This act first applies to applications for general relief or aid to families with
19 dependent children filed on the effective date of this subsection.

20 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

21 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after
22 publication.

23 (END)