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1995 SENATE BILL 227

June 1, 1995 - Introduced by Senators Leean, Ellis and Rude, by request of Governor Tommy G. Thompson. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT **relating to:** a study on limiting licenses for failure to pay child or family support.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the department of health and social services (DHSS) to conduct a study on limiting licenses for failure to pay child or family support. DHSS must address such issues as what licenses are amenable to limitation; what types of limitations, such a suspensions, revocations and initial denials, are feasible; how to implement such a program; the cost of administering such a program; and the estimated increase in support collections. After the study, DHSS must submit a report and its conclusions and recommendations to the department of administration and the joint committee on finance. Current law contains no provision for limiting a license for failure to pay child or family support.

For further information see the *state* 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:

- Section 1. Nonstatutory provisions; health and social services.
- (1) Study and report on license denial, suspension, restriction, revocation or nonrenewal for failure to pay support.
- (a) *Study*. The department of health and social services shall conduct a study on the issue of placing limitations on licenses for failure to pay child or family support. In its study, the department shall address at least all of the following:

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1	1. What licensed activities or occupations are amenable to limitation for
2	nonpayment of child or family support.
3	2. The feasibility and effectiveness of such types of limitations as denials of
4	initial issuance, suspensions, revocations, nonrenewals and specified restrictions.

- 3. How such a program can be implemented and coordinated with other agencies.
- 4. The administrative costs of such a program, including the implementation costs.
 - 5. The estimated increase in support collections as a result of such a program.
- (b) *Report*. No later than December 1, 1995, the department of health and social services shall submit to the department of administration and the joint committee on finance a report on the results of the study under paragraph (a), along with the conclusions and recommendations of the department of health and social services.

15 (END)