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1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 562

October 17, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives Notestein, Riley, Jeskewitz, Black, Wood, Carpenter, Plouff, Murat, Powers, Bock, L. Young, Hasenohrl, Sykora, Boyle, R. Potter and Morris-Tatum, cosponsored by Senator Wirch. Referred to Committee on Wisconsin Works Oversight.

- 1 **AN ACT** to amend 49.145 (3) (b) 1.; and to create 49.145 (3) (bm) of the statutes;
- relating to: disregarding assistance received under the family support program from income under the Wisconsin works program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, under the Wisconsin works (W-2) program, a person must meet certain financial and nonfinancial criteria to be eligible for W-2. The person may not, for example, be part of a W-2 group that has a gross income that exceeds 115% of the federal poverty line. In calculating the gross income, a W-2 agency must include all earned and unearned income except the earned income tax credit and benefits received under W-2.

This bill requires a W-2 agency to exclude from the income calculation any assistance received under the family support program, which provides assistance to parents of disabled children to allow for care of the children in their homes rather than in institutions.

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:

SECTION 1. 49.145 (3) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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| 49.145 (3) (b) 1. All earned and unearned income of the individual, except any |
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| amount received under section 32 of the internal revenue code, as defined in s. 71.01 |
| (6), any amount received under s. 71.07 (9e), any payment made by an employer |
| under section 3507 of the internal revenue code, as defined in s. 71.01 (6), and any |
| assistance received under s. 49.148 as provided in par. (bm). |
| Section 2. 49.145 (3) (bm) of the statutes is created to read: |
| 49.145 (3) (bm) Income disregards. In calculating gross income under par. (b), |
| the Wisconsin works agency may not include any of the following: |
| 1. Any amount received under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code, as |
| defined in s. 71.01 (6). |
| 2. Any amount received under s. 71.07 (9e). |
| 3. Any payment made by an employer under section 3507 of the Internal |
| Revenue Code, as defined in s. 71.01 (6). |
| 4. Any assistance received under s. 49.148 |
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5. Any assistance received under s. 46.985.