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1997 SENATE BILL 505

March 17, 1998 – Introduced by Senator George, cosponsored by Representatives L. Young and Riley. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

- 1 AN ACT *to create* 49.143 (2) (cr) and 49.175 (1) (cr) of the statutes; **relating to:**
- 2 credit assistance for Wisconsin works participants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of workforce development (DWD) may award a contract to any person to administer Wisconsin works (W-2). Each contract must require the person accepting the contract (W-2 agency) to provide certain services and to perform certain tasks.

This bill provides that each contract must require a W-2 agency to provide, or to contract with another person to provide, credit establishment and credit repair services to W-2 participants. The bill requires DWD to allocate \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 and in fiscal year 1998-99 for that purpose.

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:

- 3 **Section 1.** 49.143 (2) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 49.143 (2) (cr) Provide, or contract with another person to provide, credit
- 5 establishment and credit repair assistance to participants.

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49.175 (1) (cr) *Credit assistance*. For payments to Wisconsin works agencies in 1st class cities for the provision of credit establishment and credit repair assistance to Wisconsin works participants, \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1997–98 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1998–99. Notwithstanding sub. (2), the department may not use any funds allocated under this paragraph for any other purpose under this subsection.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) Credit assistance for Wisconsin works participants. The treatment of section 49.143 (2) (cr) of the statutes first applies to contracts entered into or renewed on the effective date of this subsection.

11 (END)