



## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 564

October 23, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives MURSAU, SUBECK, BALLWEG, CONSIDINE, DITTRICH, FELZKOWSKI, JAMES, KULP, KURTZ, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MURPHY, RAMTHUN, SINICKI, TUSLER, VINING, THIESFELDT, TRANEL and TITTL, cosponsored by Senators DARLING and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Family Law.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** eligibility for adoption assistance.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill changes the definition of children with special needs who are eligible for adoption assistance under the rules promulgated by the Department of Children and Families. Under the bill, a child is considered to have special needs if the child is seven years of age or older if age is the only factor in determining eligibility, and if the child is a member of a sibling group of two or more children that must be placed together.

Under current law, DCF can provide adoption assistance payments to adoptive parents or proposed adoptive parents of a child with special needs, which are designed to assist in the cost of care of that child upon adoption. Under current rules, a child is considered to have special needs if the child is 10 years of age or older if age is the only factor in determining eligibility, and if the child is a member of a sibling group of three or more children that must be placed together.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** DCF 50.09 (1) (b) 1. and 2. of the administrative code are amended  
3 to read:

