AN ACT ***to create*** 49.82 (3) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** fraud investigation training requirements.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Public Assistance Program Integrity.

The draft requires the Department of Health Services (DHS), in consultation with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), to provide training related to program integrity to county employees who administer programs under ch. 49, Stats. DCF's administrative rules currently require DCF to develop ongoing training courses for experienced workers in the Wisconsin Works program. [s. DCF 103.04, Wis. Adm. Code.] Program integrity activities such as fraud investigation are not expressly included in the list of subjects to be covered in the standard curriculum for such ongoing training. DHS does not appear to have comparable rules governing training of county employees.

SECTION 1. 49.82 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

49.82 **(3)** (d) The department of health services, in consultation with the department of children and families, shall promulgate rules to require [initial and ongoing] [annual] training to county and Wisconsin works agency employees relating to fraud prevention and investigation, error reduction, and related activities.

COMMENT: Does the draft reflect the committee's intent?

The draft places this provision in a general section relating to the administration of public assistance programs. Is that the appropriate place to codify the new requirement?

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