



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1     **AN ACT to amend** 46.96 (1) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** independent living  
2             core services (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Health  
3             Services).

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Currently, the Department of Health Services is required to award grants to independent living centers to provide nonresidential services to individuals who have severe disabilities. Among those services that the centers provide are known as independent living core services. Current law defines “independent living core services” as information and referral services, independent living skills training, peer counseling, and individual and systems advocacy. This bill changes the definition of “independent living core services” to align with the federal law definition by adding the following to the list of services under current law: services that facilitate the transition of individuals with significant disabilities from institutions to home and community-based residences with supports and services, services that provide assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions, and services that facilitate the transition to postsecondary life of youth who have significant disabilities, who were eligible for certain individualized education programs, and who have completed their secondary education.

