State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

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.

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For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Health Services and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

- **SECTION 1.** 46.96 (1) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 46.96 (1) (am) "Independent living core services" means information and referral services, independent living skills training, peer counseling and individual and systems advocacy has the meaning given in 29 USC 705 (17).

Note: Section 1 aligns the state definition of "independent living core services" with the federal law definition.

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