



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 887

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1 **AN ACT relating to:** directing the department of workforce development to
2 develop a model of cooperation between that department and religious
3 organizations to assist religious institutions in offering various employment
4 preparation services to low-income individuals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the department of workforce development (DWD) to develop, no later than October 1, 1998, a model of cooperation between DWD and religious institutions to provide technical assistance to religious organizations offering to low-income individuals who are unemployed or who are making the transition from welfare to work assistance in developing certain job and life skills. The bill requires DWD to submit the model to the legislature not later than October 15, 1998.

For further information see the **state** 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:

5 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

6 (1) MODEL FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS. The department of workforce
7 development shall, not later than October 1, 1998, develop a model of cooperation

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1 between the department and religious institutions to involve religious institutions
2 in assisting low-income individuals who are unemployed and individuals who are
3 making the transition from welfare to work. In developing the model, the
4 department of workforce development shall look to similar models developed in other
5 states. The model shall include recommended technical assistance to be offered by
6 the department of workforce development to religious institutions offering
7 assistance in any of the following areas:

- 8 (a) Finding a job.
- 9 (b) Obtaining family support.
- 10 (c) Personalized counseling.
- 11 (d) Developing life coping skills.
- 12 (e) Budget management.
- 13 (f) Job interviewing.
- 14 (g) Dressing for success.
- 15 (h) Developing problem solving skills.
- 16 (i) Preparing a resume.
- 17 (j) Maintaining self-sufficiency.
- 18 (k) Personal health and hygiene.
- 19 (L) Selecting medical coverage.
- 20 (m) Selecting quality child care.

21 (2) SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE. Not later than October 15, 1998, the
22 department of workforce development shall submit the model to the legislature in
23 the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes.

24 (END)