

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1148

March 6, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives Madison, Moore Omokunde, Baldeh, Clancy, Drake, Jacobson, Ohnstad, Ratcliff, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Stubbs and Subeck, cosponsored by Senators Larson, Carpenter and Roys. Referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 AN ACT to renumber and amend 49.77 (1); and to create 49.77 (1) (a) and 49.77
- 2 (2r) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing state supplemental payments based on cost of living adjustments.

Under current law, certain individuals who qualify to receive payments under the federal Supplemental Security Income program are eligible to receive additional payments under a supplemental payment program administered by the Department of Health Services. This bill requires DHS to increase the payments to individuals under the supplemental payment program based on the percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor between December 31, 1994, and December 31, 2022, and annually thereafter based on the percentage change in the same consumer price index between December 31 of the preceding year and December 31 of the year before the preceding year.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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:

- **SECTION 1.** 49.77 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 49.77 (1) (intro.) and
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1 49.77 (1) Definition Definitions. (intro.) In this section "secretary":

(b) "Secretary" means the secretary of the U.S. department of health and human services or the secretary of any other federal agency subsequently charged with the administration of federal Title XVI.

Section 2. 49.77 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

49.77 (1) (a) "Consumer price index" means the average of the consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined by the bureau of labor statistics of the U.S. department of labor.

Section 3. 49.77 (2r) of the statutes is created to read:

- 49.77 (2r) Cost of Living adjustment. (a) On the effective date of this paragraph [LRB inserts date], the department shall adjust the amount of supplemental payments under this section by the percentage difference between the consumer price index for the 12-month period ending on December 31, 1994, and the consumer price index for the 12-month period ending on December 31, 2022.
- (b) By no later than July 1 of each year, beginning on July 1, 2024, the department shall adjust the amount of supplemental payments under this section by the percentage difference between the consumer price index for the 12-month period ending on December 31 of the preceding year and the consumer price index for the 12-month period ending on December 31 of the year before the preceding year.

20 (END)