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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 240

April 13, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives Sanfelippo, R. Brooks, Thiesfeldt, Skowronski, Gannon, Jagler, Krug and Ott, cosponsored by Senators Stroebel, Kapenga and Nass. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 **AN ACT** to renumber and amend 49.26 (1) (ge); and to create 49.26 (1) (ge) 1.
- b. of the statutes; **relating to:** the school attendance requirement under
 Learnfare.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Learnfare program requires school age children of Wisconsin Works (W-2) participants, with some exceptions, to meet certain school enrollment standards. An individual who fails to meet the school attendance requirement may be subject to sanctions determined by the Department of Children and Families by rule. Under current law, an individual fails to meet the school attendance requirement if the individual is not enrolled in school or was not enrolled in the immediately preceding semester. Under this bill, an individual who is habitually truant or who in the immediately preceding semester was habitually truant also fails to meet the school attendance requirement.

For further information see the *state and local* 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.** 49.26 (1) (ge) of the statutes is renumbered 49.26 (1) (ge) 1. (intro.)
- 5 and amended to read:

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49.26 (1) (ge) 1. (intro.) An individual fails to meet the school attendance
requirement if the individual meets at least one of the following conditions:
a. The individual is either not enrolled in school or was not enrolled in the
immediately preceding semester or is a habitual truant.
2. The Wisconsin works Works agency or county department shall verify school
enrollment <u>and attendance</u> .
Section 2. 49.26 (1) (ge) 1. b. of the statutes is created to read:
49.26 (1) (ge) 1. b. During the immediately preceding semester, the individual
was either not enrolled in school or was a habitual truant.
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