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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 600

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AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 20.445 (1) (fc), 49.1635 (1), 49.1635 (2), 49.1635 (3), 49.1635 (4)
2 and 106.15; **to renumber and amend** 49.1635 (5) (a), 49.1635 (5) (b) and
3 49.1635 (5) (c); **to amend** 16.306 (2) (a), 16.3085 (2) (b) 2., 38.40 (2), 46.56 (14)
4 (a), 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e., 49.163 (4) (intro.), 49.175 (1) (j), 49.175 (1) (k), 49.265
5 (1) (b), 49.265 (3) (b) 11., 49.265 (4) (a), 49.265 (4) (b), 49.265 (4) (c), 49.79 (9) (a)
6 1., 60.85 (7) (a), 60.85 (7) (b), 66.1103 (6m), 66.1105 (6c) (a), 66.1105 (6c) (b),
7 71.07 (2dx) (a) 5., 71.07 (5r) (b) 2., 71.28 (1dx) (a) 5., 71.28 (5r) (b) 2., 71.47 (1dx)
8 (a) 5., 71.47 (5r) (b) 2., 76.636 (1) (e) 12., 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b., 106.11, 106.13 (2),
9 106.16 (2), 106.27 (1m), 109.07 (1m) (a), 115.28 (24), 238.30 (4m) and 946.13
10 (10); and **to create** 13.48 (26m), 16.03 (2) (d), 16.19, 16.3065, 20.320 (2) (a),
11 20.435 (5) (em), 20.437 (2) (cs), 20.437 (2) (eg), 20.445 (1) (fc), 20.505 (7) (bq),
12 20.505 (7) (e), 20.505 (7) (fk), 36.25 (56), 46.483, 49.168, 49.175 (1) (x), 49.45
13 (31m), 49.675, 51.44 (5) (bm), 106.115, 115.28 (66), 234.253 and 281.61 (8) (b)
14 of the statutes; **relating to:** housing and homelessness; emergency rental

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1 assistance program; indigent civil legal services; workforce development;
2 community action agencies; poverty reports; mental health; economic security;
3 reimbursement for nonemergency medical transportation services; urban mass
4 transit aid; lead exposure and abatement services; lead service line
5 replacement; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures;
6 granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, AND INDIGENCE*****1. Grants to facilitate the independent living of homeless persons***

Under current law, the Department of Administration provides housing grants to counties, municipalities, community action agencies, and private organizations for the purpose of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families in order to facilitate the movement of homeless persons to independent living. This bill provides an additional \$5,000,000 in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium to fund that grant program.

2. Emergency rental assistance grants

The bill creates an emergency rental assistance program under which DOA awards grants to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals and families who have suffered an economic hardship and whose annual household income does not exceed 80 percent of the median household income for the county in which the individual or family resides. The bill appropriates \$10,000,000 for the program in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

3. Grants to defray housing costs

The bill increases funding for DOA to award grants to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing costs. The bill provides an additional \$220,000 in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium for that purpose.

4. Duties of the Interagency Council on Homelessness

The bill requires the Interagency Council on Homelessness to do all of the following every two years:

1. Identify ways in which DOA and other state agencies specified in the bill and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority can increase access to services for homeless individuals and families, including homeless children and youths as defined under federal law.

2. Advise each of the state agencies specified in the bill and WHEDA to revise any policy or practice that the council determines impedes homeless individuals and families from obtaining services.

ASSEMBLY BILL 600***5. Report concerning homeless children and youth***

The bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to annually issue a report to the legislature on the number of homeless children and youths in the public schools of this state. Under the bill, “homeless children and youths” is defined by reference to federal law providing homeless assistance.

6. Report concerning households with worst case housing needs

The bill requires WHEDA to annually issue a report to the legislature on the number of households with worst case housing needs in this state. “Households with worst case housing needs” is defined in a manner consistent with that used by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The report must include data and demographic information on these households, analysis of the impediments to obtaining affordable housing, and recommendations on how to improve state and local programs to assist these households with their housing needs.

7. Pilot program related to the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program

The bill creates a two-year pilot program that gives priority to homeless children and their families, as defined under federal law, on the waiting list that WHEDA, or a public housing agency that contracts with WHEDA, maintains under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. Under the bill, WHEDA is required to develop policies and procedures for the pilot program.

8. Civil legal services for the indigent

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families is directed to allocate in each fiscal year specific amounts of money, including federal moneys received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, for various public assistance programs. Under current law, DCF provides funding to the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., (the foundation) to provide civil legal services to TANF-eligible individuals in two ways:

1. DCF provides up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year in matching funds to the foundation for the provision of civil legal services to eligible individuals. This grant does not specify what types of civil legal services may be provided.

2. DCF provides a \$500,000 grant from federal TANF funding in each fiscal year to the foundation to provide grants to programs, up to \$75,000 each, that provide certain legal services to eligible individuals. The legal services provided through this grant are limited to legal services in civil matters related to domestic abuse or sexual abuse or to restraining orders or injunctions for individuals at risk.

The bill removes the grant that requires matching funds and increases the grant to provide certain legal services to eligible individuals to \$1,000,000 per fiscal year. Under the bill, the foundation may additionally use this funding to provide to eligible individuals civil legal services related to eviction. The bill removes the \$75,000 cap on grants provided by the foundation to individual programs.

The bill also requires DOA to make annual payments of \$30,000,000 to the foundation for the purpose of providing civil legal services to indigent persons.

9. Internet assistance program

The bill requires DCF to establish an Internet assistance program under which it makes payments to Internet service providers on behalf of low-income individuals

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to assist with paying for Internet service, and provides \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year for this purpose. The bill requires that other assistance program options be exhausted before assistance is provided under this program. The bill allows DCF to contract with a community action agency for the administration of the program. The bill requires DCF to promulgate rules to implement the program, which must include a requirement that the family income of a recipient not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND JOB AND INCOME SUPPORTS***1. Job and Business Development Program***

The bill increases funding by \$799,400 in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium to supplement, on a one-to-one matching basis, federal employment opportunity demonstration project funds and funds from other federal and private foundation sources for job creation and development for individuals with low incomes. The program funded by these funds is commonly referred to as the Job and Business Development Program.

2. Skills enhancement services

Under current law, DCF must distribute grants to community action agencies to provide skills enhancement services, including access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training. Under this program, a community action agency may provide these services to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week and whose earned income is at or below 150 percent of the poverty line. The bill increases the earned income threshold for eligibility to 200 percent of the poverty line.

3. Transitional Jobs program

Under current law, DCF administers the Transitional Jobs program, which provides wage subsidies to employers of certain low-income parents or primary caregivers of a child and low-income young adults. The bill provides an additional \$1,000,000 per fiscal year in federal TANF funding to the Transitional Jobs program to provide these services outside of Milwaukee County.

4. Job and employment services pilot program

The bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to establish a pilot program that offers job and employment services for individuals receiving housing vouchers or receiving services from state-funded homeless shelters. The bill requires the pilot program to offer services similar to those offered under the existing Transform Milwaukee Jobs and Transitional Jobs programs in current law. The bill funds the pilot program with \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium. Under the bill, the pilot program sunsets on June 30, 2025.

5. Council on Workforce Investment strategic plan

Under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), federal funds are allocated to the state and, in turn, to local workforce development areas designated by the governor to provide employment and training activities for job seekers and workers. The WIOA repealed a prior law known as the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), which contained a number of similar provisions. To receive funding under the WIOA, the governor must establish a

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Council on Workforce Investment. The bill requires the council to identify certain populations for services under its WIOA strategic plan. The populations to be included are 1) homeless individuals from ages 18 to 24; 2) certain children placed in out-of-home care; and 3) homeless adults.

6. Miscellaneous provisions

The bill repeals a provision concerning review and approval of certain matters regarding assistance to dislocated workers that was administered as part of the WIA, but that no longer exists. In addition, the bill updates references to the United States Code sections regarding WIOA.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

Under current law, DCF must distribute grants to community action agencies to provide skills enhancement services, including access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training. The bill provides an additional \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2023–25 fiscal biennium for that purpose.

The bill also provides a match from state funding to the federal community services block grant, which funds the work of community action agencies. Under current law, a community action agency is an entity that provides services such as employment or housing assistance, financial planning, or educational services to low-income individuals and that works to combat poverty in the community that it serves. The bill increases the income cap for receiving services from a community action agency from 125 percent of the federal poverty line to 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

The bill also requires the Department of Health Services to establish a grant program to provide grants to community action agencies to enable them to respond to the needs of communities and low-income families and individuals in crisis resulting from opioid addiction-related issues. Through the program, DHS is required to endeavor to expand and support effective community efforts to identify and respond to causes and consequences of opioid misuse and addiction experienced by low-income individuals, families, and communities. Under the bill, DHS must award grants of at least \$25,000 and up to \$250,000 per year. The bill sets out criteria DHS must use in awarding grants as well as characteristics of applications to which DHS must give preference. Grants under the bill may not be more than three years in duration unless approved by the secretary of health services.

LEAD EXPOSURE AND ABATEMENT**1. Early intervention services for children with lead in their blood**

Under current law, DHS implements a statewide program, referred to as the Birth to 3 Program, that provides early intervention services for children aged three and under who are developmentally delayed or are diagnosed as having a condition that is likely to result in significantly delayed development. The bill ensures that children with a concentration of lead in their blood of at least 3.5 micrograms per 100 milliliters of blood are eligible for services under the Birth to 3 Program. The bill also allows DHS to develop a methodology to allocate funding for early intervention services across county programs.

ASSEMBLY BILL 600***2. Lead-Safe Homes Program***

Under current law, DHS provides lead abatement services through the Lead-Safe Homes Program. The Lead-Safe Homes Program provides repairs to owner-occupied and rental properties to make them lead-safe. Currently, the program is funded in part through federal funding. The bill increases state funding for the program by \$28,400,000 over the fiscal biennium.

3. Windows Plus lead exposure program

The bill authorizes one general purpose revenue position within DHS and increases funding to resume the Windows Plus lead exposure program. The Windows Plus lead exposure program was initiated in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium with onetime funding to provide lead-safe renovations in homes built before 1950 that are inhabited or frequently visited by low-income families with children. The program focuses renovations on high-risk components of housing, such as windows, porches, floors, and siding.

4. Lead service line replacement

This bill appropriates \$200,000,000 from the general fund to the environmental improvement program for projects involving forgivable loans to private users of public water systems to replace lead service lines. Under current law, DOA and the Department of Natural Resources administer the safe drinking water loan program (SDWLP), which provides financial assistance from the environmental improvement program to local governmental units and to the private owners of community water systems that serve local governmental units for projects for the planning, designing, construction, or modification of public water systems. DNR establishes a funding list for SDWLP projects and DOA allocates funding for those projects.

SOBER LIVING

The bill requires DHS to encourage the development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences and to allocate moneys to create a revolving loan fund for establishing sober living residences or a network of sober living residences or to award grants for purposes specified in the bill.

NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The bill requires DHS to determine and implement a reimbursement rate for nonemergency medical transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients who are nursing home residents that is the same as the prevalent brokerage reimbursement rate applied to other nonemergency medical transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients.

TRANSPORTATION***1. Transportation grants***

Under current law, the Department of Transportation may award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of demand management, ride-sharing, and job access and employment transportation assistance programs. The bill increases the amount of state monies appropriated in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium for the development and implementation of job access and employment transportation assistance programs by 5 percent of the amount appropriated for those purposes in fiscal year 2022-23.

ASSEMBLY BILL 600***2. Urban mass transit aid***

Under current law, DOT provides state aid payments to local public bodies in urban areas served by mass transit systems to assist the local public bodies with the expenses of operating those systems. The bill increases the total amount of state aid payments for mass transit systems serving urban areas having a population of less than 50,000 to \$5,707,800 in calendar year 2023 and thereafter.

3. Specialized transportation services

Under current law, DOT administers specialized transportation programs to provide financial assistance for transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. One program provides funding to counties based on each county's proportion of the state's population of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The other program provides funds to local public bodies and nonprofit organizations through a competitive application process to supplement federal funding under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. The bill increases funding for both programs by 2 percent of the amount appropriated for those purposes in fiscal year 2022-23.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to allocate \$50,000 each fiscal year for the Institute for Research on Poverty at UW-Madison to study and provide an annual report to the public on poverty in this state.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 13.48 (26m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 13.48 **(26m)** LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT. The legislature finds and
3 determines that the prevalence of lead service lines in connections to public water
4 systems poses a public health hazard and that processes for reducing lead entering
5 drinking water from such pipes requires additional treatment of wastewater. It is
6 therefore in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this state, to assist
7 private users of public water systems in replacing lead service lines.

8 **SECTION 2.** 16.03 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 16.03 (2) (d) No later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, do all of the
2 following:

3 1. Identify ways in which the departments of administration, children and
4 families, health services, public instruction, workforce development, and veterans
5 affairs and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority can
6 increase access to services for homeless individuals and families, including
7 individuals who are included in the category of homeless children and youths, as
8 defined in 42 USC 11434a (2).

9 2. Advise each of the departments specified in subd. 1. and the Wisconsin
10 Housing and Economic Development Authority to revise any policy or practice of the
11 department or authority that the council determines impedes homeless individuals
12 and families from obtaining services.

13 **SECTION 3.** 16.19 of the statutes is created to read:

14 **16.19 Civil legal services for the indigent.** Annually, the department shall
15 pay the amount appropriated under s. 20.505 (7) (e) to the Wisconsin Trust Account
16 Foundation, Inc., to provide civil legal services to indigent persons. The Wisconsin
17 Trust Account Foundation, Inc., shall distribute the amount received as grants to
18 programs that provide civil legal services to indigent persons, and those programs
19 may use the grant funds to match other federal and private grants. The grants may
20 be used only for the purposes for which the funding was provided.

21 **SECTION 4.** 16.306 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 16.306 (2) (a) From the ~~appropriation~~ appropriations under s. 20.505 (7) ~~(fk)~~
23 and (fm), the department may award a grant to an eligible applicant for the purpose
24 of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and
25 families to facilitate their movement to independent living if the conditions under

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1 par. (b) are satisfied. The department shall ensure that the funds for the grants are
2 reasonably balanced among geographic areas of the state that correspond to the
3 geographic areas served by each continuum of care organization designated by the
4 federal department of housing and urban development, consistent with the quality
5 of applications submitted award grants under this paragraph on a competitive basis.

6 **SECTION 5.** 16.3065 of the statutes is created to read:

7 **16.3065 Emergency rental assistance.** (1) In this section, “eligible
8 applicant” has the meaning given in s. 16.306 (1).

9 (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (bq), the department shall
10 award grants to eligible applicants to provide tenant-based rental assistance to
11 individuals and families. All grant funds shall be used to provide tenant-based
12 rental assistance to individuals and families who have suffered an economic
13 hardship and whose annual household income does not exceed 80 percent of the
14 median household income for the county in which the individual or family resides.

15 **SECTION 6.** 16.3085 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 16.3085 (2) (b) 2. Employment-related services, including connecting parents
17 who are job training graduates or who have a recent work history with their local
18 workforce development board established under 29 USC 2832 3122 and assisting
19 them with using the job center website maintained by the department of workforce
20 development.

21 **SECTION 7.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
22 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

ASSEMBLY BILL 600**SECTION 7****2023-24****2024-25**1 **20.320 Environmental improvement program**

2 (2) SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM OPERATIONS

3 (a) Lead service line replacement GPR C 200,000,000 -0-

4 **20.435 Health services, department of**

5 (5) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

6 (em) Sober living residences GPR B 1,000,000 1,000,000

7 **20.437 Children and families, department of**

8 (2) ECONOMIC SUPPORT

9 (eg) Internet assistance program GPR A 10,000,000 10,000,000

10 **20.445 Workforce development, department of**

11 (1) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

12 (fc) Job and employment services;

13 pilot program GPR A 500,000 500,000

14 **20.505 Administration, department of**

15 (7) HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

16 (bq) Emergency rental assistance GPR C 5,000,000 5,000,000

17 (e) Indigent civil legal services GPR A 30,000,000 30,000,000

18 (fk) Housing grants GPR C 2,500,000 2,500,000

19 **SECTION 8.** 20.320 (2) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 20.320 (2) (a) *Lead service line replacement*. As a continuing appropriation, the
2 amounts in the schedule for lead service line replacement loans under s. 281.61 (8)
3 (b).

4 **SECTION 9.** 20.435 (5) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.435 (5) (em) *Sober living residences*. Biennially, the amounts in the
6 schedule to support sober living residences or sober living residence networks under
7 s. 46.483.

8 **SECTION 10.** 20.437 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

9 20.437 (2) (cs) *Community services block grant; state match*. A sum sufficient
10 to match 25 percent of the amounts received under 42 USC 9903 for the federal
11 community services block grant for the purposes for which the federal community
12 services block grant funds are received.

13 **SECTION 11.** 20.437 (2) (eg) of the statutes is created to read:

14 20.437 (2) (eg) *Internet assistance program*. The amounts in the schedule for
15 the Internet assistance program under s. 49.168.

16 **SECTION 12.** 20.445 (1) (fc) of the statutes is created to read:

17 20.445 (1) (fc) *Job and employment services; pilot program*. The amounts in the
18 schedule for the pilot program established under 2023 Wisconsin Act (this act),
19 section 69 (1).

20 **SECTION 13.** 20.445 (1) (fc) of the statutes, as created by 2023 Wisconsin Act
21 (this act), is repealed.

22 **SECTION 14.** 20.505 (7) (bq) of the statutes is created to read:

23 20.505 (7) (bq) *Emergency rental assistance*. As a continuing appropriation,
24 the amounts in the schedule for emergency rental assistance grants under s.
25 16.3065.

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1 **SECTION 15.** 20.505 (7) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

2 20.505 (7) (e) *Indigent civil legal services.* The amounts in the schedule to
3 provide grants for the provision of civil legal services to indigent persons under s.
4 16.19.

5 **SECTION 16.** 20.505 (7) (fk) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.505 (7) (fk) *Housing grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in
7 the schedule for housing grants under s. 16.306.

8 **SECTION 17.** 36.25 (56) of the statutes is created to read:

9 36.25 (56) ANNUAL POVERTY STUDY. Of the moneys appropriated to the Board
10 of Regents under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the board shall, beginning in fiscal year 2023-24,
11 allocate \$50,000 in each fiscal year for the Institute for Research on Poverty at the
12 University of Wisconsin-Madison to study and provide an annual report to the public
13 on poverty in this state.

14 **SECTION 18.** 38.40 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 38.40 (2) INTERAGENCY ASSISTANCE. The council on workforce investment
16 established under 29 USC ~~2821~~ 3111 and the department of public instruction shall
17 assist the board in providing the technical preparation, school-to-work, and
18 work-based learning programs under sub. (1m).

19 **SECTION 19.** 46.483 of the statutes is created to read:

20 **46.483 Sober living residences. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section, “sober living
21 residence” means a residential dwelling unit or other form of group housing that is
22 offered or advertised by a person as a residence that provides a peer-supported,
23 alcohol-free, and drug-free living environment where no treatment services are
24 provided on-site and that would qualify for a loan under 42 USC 300x-25.

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1 **(2) REQUIREMENT; FUNDING SUPPORT.** The department shall encourage the
2 development, expansion, and quality control of networks of sober living residences.
3 From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (em), the department shall allocate
4 moneys for any of the following purposes:

5 (a) Creating a revolving loan fund for establishing a sober living residence or
6 a network of sober living residences.

7 (b) Awarding grants to train and supervise field workers to provide technical
8 assistance to sober living residences.

9 (c) Awarding grants to entities that establish sober living residences or to sober
10 living residences to support the development, expansion, and quality operation of
11 sober living residences.

12 **SECTION 20.** 46.56 (14) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 **46.56 (14)** (a) In order to support the development of a comprehensive service
14 system of coordinated care for children who are involved in 2 or more systems of care
15 and their families, the department shall establish a state advisory committee with
16 representatives of county departments and tribal governing bodies, the department
17 of public instruction, educational agencies, the department of children and families,
18 the department of corrections, the juvenile correctional system, professionals
19 experienced in the provision of services to children who are involved in 2 or more
20 systems of care and their families, advocates for such families and their children, the
21 subunit of the department of workforce development that administers vocational
22 rehabilitation, a representative of the local workforce development board
23 established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, a representative of the philanthropy
24 community, the technical college system, health care providers, courts assigned to
25 exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, child welfare officials, and other

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1 appropriate persons as selected by the department. The department may use an
2 existing committee for this purpose if it has representatives from the listed groups
3 and is willing to perform the required functions. This committee shall establish
4 principles and core values for administering initiatives, monitor the development of
5 initiatives throughout the state, and support communication and mutual assistance
6 among operating initiatives as well as those that are being developed.

7 **SECTION 21.** 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 49.143 (2) (a) 4m. e. Coordinate with local workforce development boards
9 established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122 to ensure compatibility of purpose and no
10 duplication of effort.

11 **SECTION 22.** 49.163 (4) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 49.163 (4) CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION. (intro.) The department may
13 contract with any person to administer the program under this section, including a
14 Wisconsin Works agency; county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23; local
15 workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122; or community
16 action agency under s. 49.265. The department, or the agency or agencies with which
17 the department contracts under this subsection, shall do all of the following:

18 **SECTION 23.** 49.1635 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

19 **SECTION 24.** 49.1635 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 25.** 49.1635 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

21 **SECTION 26.** 49.1635 (4) of the statutes is repealed.

22 **SECTION 27.** 49.1635 (5) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 49.1635 (1m) and
23 amended to read:

24 49.1635 (1m) From the allocation under s. 49.175 (1) (j), the department shall
25 make a grant of ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to Wisconsin Trust Account

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1 Foundation, Inc., for distribution of annual awards of ~~not more than \$75,000 per year~~
2 ~~per program~~ to programs that provide legal services to persons who are eligible under
3 ~~par. (b) 2.~~ sub. (2m) (b) if all of the following apply:

4 (a) Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., submits a plan to the
5 department detailing the proposed use of the grant; the proposed use of the grant
6 conforms to the requirements under ~~par. (b)~~ sub. (2m); and the secretary of the
7 department, or his or her designee, approves the plan.

8 (b) Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., enters into an agreement with
9 the department that specifies the conditions for the use of the grant proceeds, and
10 the conditions conform to the requirements under ~~par. (b)~~ sub. (2m) and include
11 training, reporting, and auditing requirements.

12 (c) Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., agrees in writing to submit to the
13 department the reports required under ~~par. (e)~~ sub. (3m) by the times required under
14 ~~par. (e)~~ sub. (3m).

15 **SECTION 28.** 49.1635 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 49.1635 (2m), and
16 49.1635 (2m) (a), (b) and (c), as renumbered, are amended to read:

17 49.1635 **(2m)** (a) Subject to ~~subd. 3.~~ par. (c), the grant may be used only to
18 provide legal services in civil matters related to eviction, domestic abuse, or sexual
19 abuse, or to restraining orders or injunctions for individuals at risk under s. 813.123.

20 (b) The recipients of the legal services under a grant under this ~~subsection~~
21 section shall be individuals who are eligible for temporary assistance for needy
22 families under 42 USC 601 et seq. and whose gross incomes are at or below 200
23 percent of the poverty line. For purposes of this ~~subdivision~~ paragraph, gross income
24 shall be determined in the same way as gross income is determined for purposes of
25 eligibility for a Wisconsin Works employment position, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (r),

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1 including the exclusion of any payments or benefits made under any federal law that
2 exempts those payments or benefits from consideration in determining eligibility for
3 any federal means-tested program.

4 (c) The legal services provided by a grant under this subsection ~~subsection~~ shall
5 be provided only in matters for which federal temporary assistance for needy families
6 block grant funds under 42 USC 601 et seq. may be used.

7 **SECTION 29.** 49.1635 (5) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 49.1635 (3m) and
8 amended to read:

9 49.1635 (3m) For each fiscal year in which the department makes a grant
10 under this subsection ~~sub. (1m)~~, Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., shall
11 submit to the department, within 3 months after spending the full amount of that
12 grant, a report detailing how the grant proceeds were used. The department may not
13 make a grant in a subsequent fiscal year unless Wisconsin Trust Account
14 Foundation, Inc., submits the report under this ~~paragraph~~ subsection within the
15 time required and the department determines that the grant proceeds were used in
16 accordance with the approved plan under ~~par. (a) 1.~~ sub. (1m) (a), the agreement
17 under ~~par. (a) 2.~~ sub. (1m) (b), and the requirements under ~~par. (b)~~ sub. (2m).

18 **SECTION 30.** 49.168 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **49.168 Internet assistance program. (1)** The department shall establish
20 an Internet assistance program under which it shall, from the appropriation under
21 s. 20.437 (2) (eg) and the allocation under s. 49.175 (1) (x), make payments to Internet
22 service providers on behalf of low-income individuals to assist with paying for
23 Internet service. Assistance under this program may be provided only after other
24 assistance program options have been exhausted. The department may contract

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1 with a community action agency under s. 49.265 for the administration of the
2 program.

3 (2) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the program under
4 this section and shall include a financial eligibility requirement that the family
5 income of a recipient not exceed 200 percent of the poverty line.

6 **SECTION 31.** 49.175 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 49.175 (1) (j) *Grants for providing civil legal services.* For the grants under s.
8 49.1635 (5) (1m) to Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., for distribution to
9 programs that provide civil legal services to low-income families, \$500,000
10 \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year.

11 **SECTION 32.** 49.175 (1) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 49.175 (1) (k) *Transform Milwaukee and Transitional Jobs programs.* For
13 contract costs under the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and the Transitional
14 Jobs program under s. 49.163, \$9,500,000 \$10,500,000 in each fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 33.** 49.175 (1) (x) of the statutes is created to read:

16 49.175 (1) (x) *Internet assistance program.* For the Internet assistance
17 program under s. 49.168, \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year.

18 **SECTION 34.** 49.265 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 49.265 (1) (b) "Poor person" means a resident of a community served by a
20 community action agency whose income is at or below ~~125~~ 200 percent of the poverty
21 line.

22 **SECTION 35.** 49.265 (3) (b) 11. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 49.265 (3) (b) 11. Provide, to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week
24 and whose earned income is at or below ~~150~~ 200 percent of the poverty line, a program
25 of skills enhancement that shall include access to transportation, child care, career

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1 counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and
2 training.

3 **SECTION 36.** 49.265 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 49.265 (4) (a) The department shall distribute the federal community services
5 block grant funds received under 42 USC 9903 and credited to the appropriation
6 account under s. 20.437 (2) (mg). From the appropriation account under s. 20.437
7 (2) (cs), the department shall distribute funds in an amount equal to 25 percent of
8 the amounts received under 42 USC 9903.

9 **SECTION 37.** 49.265 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 49.265 (4) (b) The department shall allocate at least 90 percent of the funds
11 received under 42 USC 9903 and the state matching funds under par. (a) to
12 community action agencies and organizations.

13 **SECTION 38.** 49.265 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 49.265 (4) (c) The department may not allocate more than 5 percent of the funds
15 received under 42 USC 9903 and the state matching funds under par. (a) for state
16 administrative expenses.

17 **SECTION 39.** 49.45 (31m) of the statutes is created to read:

18 49.45 (31m) NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR NURSING
19 HOME RESIDENTS. The department shall determine and apply a reimbursement rate
20 for nonemergency medical transportation services under s. 49.46 (2) (b) 3. for
21 Medical Assistance recipients who are nursing home residents that is the same as
22 the prevalent brokerage reimbursement rate applied to other nonemergency medical
23 transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients under this subchapter.

24 **SECTION 40.** 49.675 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **49.675 Community action opioid response grant program.** (1) In this
2 section, “community action agency” means an eligible entity as defined under 42
3 USC 9902 (1) (A).

4 (2) The department shall establish a grant program to enable community
5 action agencies to respond to the needs of communities and low-income families and
6 individuals in crisis resulting from the opioid addiction epidemic. Through the
7 program under this section, the department shall endeavor to expand and support
8 effective community efforts to identify and respond to causes and consequences of
9 opioid misuse and addiction experienced by low-income individuals, families, and
10 communities.

11 (3) Any community action agency is eligible to apply for a grant under this
12 section by submitting an application in the form and manner specified by the
13 department.

14 (4) A recipient of a grant under this section may use the moneys to support one
15 or more of the following activities, which may be conducted in coordination or
16 partnership with other community organizations:

17 (a) Enhanced public education to improve individual and community
18 awareness, with respect to the opioid misuse or addiction, including for children and
19 youth.

20 (b) Outreach and identification of individuals at risk of or experiencing opioid
21 misuse or addiction, and referral of such individuals to appropriate treatment,
22 recovery, or other resources in the community.

23 (c) Direct services to prevent, treat, or recover from opioid addiction.

24 (d) Services to stabilize the education, employment, housing, transportation,
25 or other needs of addicted or at-risk individuals and their family members.

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1 (e) Services to address and mitigate the impact of opioid addiction on children
2 in the household.

3 (f) Support and assistance to children who are in foster care or at risk of
4 placement in foster care because of the opioid addiction of their parents and to the
5 caregivers for these children.

6 (g) Development of partnerships with entities such as local health care
7 providers, substance abuse treatment organizations, schools, child welfare agencies,
8 social service organizations, police departments, prosecutors, courts, prisons, local
9 governments, businesses, and religious institutions, in order to coordinate or expand
10 resources available to addicted or at-risk individuals and their family members.

11 (h) Training for agency personnel on issues related to opioid addiction,
12 including early identification of at-risk individuals and administration of overdose
13 prevention medications.

14 (5) Each grant awarded by the department under this section shall be at least
15 \$25,000 and not more than \$250,000 each fiscal year.

16 (6) A grant awarded by the department under this section may not be more
17 than 3 years in duration unless approved by the secretary based on outcome data or
18 extenuating circumstances.

19 (7) Each grant recipient shall submit an annual report to the department
20 detailing goals, interventions, outcomes, and expenditures related to the recipient's
21 program funded by a grant under this section. Each grant recipient shall make each
22 report under this subsection publicly available on the recipient's website. The
23 department shall publish each report submitted under this subsection on the
24 department's website and coordinate with the department of children and families
25 to provide additional public access to the reports through the website of the

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1 department of children and families. Annually, the department shall compile reports
2 submitted under this subsection and submit the compilation with a report
3 containing a summary of the information in the recipients' reports to the chief clerk
4 of each house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2).

5 (8) The department shall publish on its website the application process and
6 criteria for grants under this section. In order to be eligible for a grant under this
7 section, the department shall require each application submitted to include all of the
8 following items:

9 (a) A description of the objectives of the program and activities to be funded by
10 the grant and how the grant will be used to achieve these objectives, including
11 specific activities and services to be conducted, and specific populations or areas to
12 be served, including any targeted subgroups, such as incarcerated or homeless
13 individuals.

14 (b) A description of innovative approaches to be used and evidence of likely
15 success.

16 (c) A plan for measuring progress in achieving the objectives identified under
17 par. (a), including a strategy to collect data that can be used to measure the project's
18 effectiveness.

19 (d) Identification of relevant community or other organizations with which the
20 applicant will coordinate or partner and a description of the proposed coordination
21 or partnership.

22 (e) Sufficient affirmation, as determined by the department, that the applicant
23 has conducted an assessment of community needs related to opioid misuse and
24 addiction among low-income individuals and families, and that the proposed uses
25 of the grant funds will address unmet needs identified by the assessment.

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1 (f) Confirmation that any funds awarded through the grant program under this
2 section will not supplant other programs or resources in the community with similar
3 objectives.

4 (g) Confirmation that the recipient will use evidence-based approaches to the
5 maximum extent practicable.

6 **(9)** In considering applications for grants under this section, the department
7 shall consider and give priority to applications that demonstrate one or more of the
8 following characteristics:

9 (a) Evidence of coordination and partnership with agencies or entities with
10 experience or expertise in addressing opioid-related issues.

11 (b) Evidence of leveraging nonstate funds or in-kind resources to extend the
12 reach or duration of the program proposed by the application.

13 (c) Quality of methodology proposed to monitor the outcomes of the program
14 proposed by the application and effectiveness in achieving the goals of the program
15 and mitigating the harmful health and socioeconomic impacts of opioid addiction.

16 (d) Evidence of capacity-building and strengthening of community responses
17 to the opioid crisis.

18 (e) Efforts to minimize the trauma and negative impact of foster care on
19 children of addicted individuals.

20 (f) Demonstrated knowledge of opioid-related needs in the target community.

21 (g) Use of innovative or evidence-based approaches to address unmet opioid
22 needs, including to promote self-sufficiency and well-being for families with
23 children impacted by opioid addiction.

24 **SECTION 41.** 49.79 (9) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 49.79 (9) (a) 1. The department shall administer an employment and training
2 program for recipients under the food stamp program and may contract with county
3 departments under ss. 46.215, 46.22, and 46.23, multicounty consortia, local
4 workforce development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, tribal
5 governing bodies, or other organizations to carry out the administrative functions.
6 A county department, multicounty consortium, local workforce development board,
7 tribal governing body, or other organization may subcontract with a Wisconsin
8 Works agency or another provider to administer the employment and training
9 program under this subsection.

10 **SECTION 42.** 51.44 (5) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

11 51.44 (5) (bm) Ensure that any child with a level of lead in his or her blood that
12 is 5 or more micrograms per 100 milliliters of blood, as confirmed by one venous blood
13 test, is eligible for services under the program under this section.

14 **SECTION 43.** 60.85 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 60.85 (7) (a) Any person who operates for profit and is paid project costs under
16 sub. (1) (h) 1. a., d., i., and j. in connection with the project plan for a tax incremental
17 district shall notify the department of workforce development and the local
18 workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122 of any positions
19 to be filled in the county in which the town that created the tax incremental district
20 is located during the period commencing with the date the person first performs work
21 on the project and ending one year after receipt of its final payment of project costs.
22 The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

23 **SECTION 44.** 60.85 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 60.85 (7) (b) Any person who operates for profit and buys or leases property in
25 a tax incremental district from a town for which the town incurs real property

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1 assembly costs under sub. (1) (h) 1. c. shall notify the department of workforce
2 development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC
3 ~~2832~~ 3122 of any position to be filled in the county in which the town creating the tax
4 incremental district is located within one year after the sale or commencement of the
5 lease. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the
6 position.

7 **SECTION 45.** 66.1103 (6m) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 66.1103 **(6m)** NOTIFICATION OF POSITION OPENINGS. A municipality or county may
9 not enter into a revenue agreement with any person who operates for profit unless
10 that person has agreed to notify the department of workforce development and the
11 local workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~, 3122 of any
12 position to be filled in that municipality or county within one year after issuance of
13 the revenue bonds. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks before
14 advertising the position. The notice required by this subsection does not affect the
15 offer of employment requirements of sub. (4s).

16 **SECTION 46.** 66.1105 (6c) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 66.1105 **(6c)** (a) Any person who operates for profit and is paid project costs
18 under sub. (2) (f) 1. a., d., j. and k. in connection with the project plan for a tax
19 incremental district shall notify the department of workforce development and the
20 local workforce development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~, 3122 of any
21 positions to be filled in the county in which the city which created the tax incremental
22 district is located during the period commencing with the date the person first
23 performs work on the project and ending one year after receipt of its final payment
24 of project costs. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to
25 advertising the position.

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1 **SECTION 47.** 66.1105 (6c) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 66.1105 **(6c)** (b) Any person who operates for profit and buys or leases property
3 in a tax incremental district from a city for which the city incurs real property
4 assembly costs under sub. (2) (f) 1. c. shall notify the department of workforce
5 development and the local workforce development board established under 29 USC
6 ~~2832~~, 3122 of any position to be filled in the county in which the city creating the tax
7 incremental district is located within one year after the sale or commencement of the
8 lease. The person shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the
9 position.

10 **SECTION 48.** 71.07 (2dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 71.07 **(2dx)** (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides
12 in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area,
13 a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility
14 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position,
15 a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or
16 in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who
17 is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational
18 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically
19 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general
20 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer
21 youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in
22 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified
23 in the manner under s. 71.07 (2dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency,
24 as defined in s. 71.07 (2dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

25 **SECTION 49.** 71.07 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 71.07 **(5r)** (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred
2 for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary
3 institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a
4 projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce
5 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, and if the individual was
6 eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

7 **SECTION 50.** 71.28 (1dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

8 71.28 **(1dx)** (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides
9 in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area,
10 a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility
11 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position,
12 a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or
13 in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who
14 is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational
15 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically
16 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general
17 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer
18 youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in
19 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified
20 in the manner under s. 71.28 (1dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency,
21 as defined in s. 71.28 (1dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

22 **SECTION 51.** 71.28 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

23 71.28 **(5r)** (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred
24 for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary
25 institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a

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1 projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce
2 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, and if the individual was
3 eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

4 **SECTION 52.** 71.47 (1dx) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 71.47 (**1dx**) (a) 5. “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides
6 in an area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area,
7 a person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility
8 requirements under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position,
9 a person who is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or
10 in a trial employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who
11 is eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational
12 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically
13 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general
14 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a qualified summer
15 youth employee, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (7), a dislocated worker, as defined in
16 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has been certified
17 in the manner under s. 71.47 (1dj) (am) 3., 2013 stats., by a designated local agency,
18 as defined in s. 71.47 (1dj) (am) 2., 2013 stats.

19 **SECTION 53.** 71.47 (5r) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 71.47 (**5r**) (b) 2. Thirty percent of the tuition that the claimant paid or incurred
21 for an individual to participate in an education program of a qualified postsecondary
22 institution, if the individual was enrolled in a course of instruction that relates to a
23 projected worker shortage in this state, as determined by the local workforce
24 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, and if the individual was
25 eligible for a grant from the Federal Pell Grant Program.

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1 **SECTION 54.** 76.636 (1) (e) 12. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 76.636 (1) (e) 12. A dislocated worker, as defined in 29 USC ~~2801(9)~~ 3102 (15).

3 **SECTION 55.** 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. of the statutes, as affected by 2023 Wisconsin
4 Act 19, is amended to read:

5 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. For the purpose of making allocations under subd. 8. a., the
6 amounts for aids are \$5,292,700 in calendar years 2020 to ~~2023~~ 2022 and \$5,398,600
7 ~~in each calendar year~~ \$5,707,800 in calendar year 2023 and thereafter. These
8 amounts, to the extent practicable, shall be used to determine the uniform
9 percentage in the particular calendar year.

10 **SECTION 56.** 106.11 of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **106.11 Workforce investment programs.** The department shall cooperate
12 with the federal government in carrying out the purposes of the federal ~~Workforce~~
13 ~~Investment Act of 1998, 29 USC 2801 to 2945~~ Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
14 Act of 2014, 29 USC 3101 to 3361. In administering the programs authorized by that
15 act the department shall, in cooperation with other state agencies, the council on
16 workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111, and ~~with~~ local workforce
17 development boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, establish a statewide
18 workforce investment system to meet the employment, training, and educational
19 needs of persons in this state. If a local workforce development board anticipates
20 that there may be a business closing or mass layoff under s. 109.07 in the area served
21 by that board, the board may prepare a list of resources available in that area that
22 provide career planning, job search, job skills training, and other support services for
23 affected employees, as defined in s. 109.07 (1) (a), including contact information for
24 those resources, for distribution to those employees under s. 109.07 (1m) (a).

25 **SECTION 57.** 106.115 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **106.115 Council on workforce investment. (1)** In this section, “homeless”
2 has the meaning given in 42 USC 11302 (a).

3 **(2)** The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC 3111 shall
4 identify all of the following populations of individuals with a barrier to employment
5 to receive employment, training, and educational services when submitting the state
6 plan required by section 3113 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
7 Act of 2014:

8 (a) Homeless individuals from 18 to 24 years of age.

9 (b) Children placed in out-of-home care under ch. 48.

10 (c) Homeless adults over age 24.

11 **SECTION 58.** 106.13 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 106.13 **(2)** The council on workforce investment established under 29 USC
13 ~~2821~~ 3111, the technical college system board, and the department of public
14 instruction shall assist the department in providing the youth apprenticeship
15 program under sub. (1).

16 **SECTION 59.** 106.15 of the statutes is repealed.

17 **SECTION 60.** 106.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 106.16 **(2)** Any company that receives a loan or grant from a state agency or
19 an authority under ch. 231 or 234 shall notify the department and the local workforce
20 development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, of any position in the
21 company that is related to the project for which the grant or loan is received to be
22 filled in this state within one year after receipt of the loan or grant. The company
23 shall provide this notice at least 2 weeks prior to advertising the position.

24 **SECTION 61.** 106.27 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 106.27 **(1m)** LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM. From the appropriation under
2 s. 20.445 (1) (bm), the department shall develop and maintain a labor market
3 information system to collect, analyze, and disseminate information on current and
4 projected employment opportunities in this state and other appropriate information
5 relating to labor market dynamics as determined by the department. The
6 department shall make the information contained in the system available, free of
7 charge, to school districts, technical colleges, tribal colleges, institutions and college
8 campuses within the University of Wisconsin System, local workforce development
9 boards established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122, employers, job seekers, and the general
10 public, including making that information available on the department's Internet
11 site.

12 **SECTION 62.** 109.07 (1m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 109.07 **(1m)** (a) Subject to sub. (5) or (6), an employer that has decided upon
14 a business closing or mass layoff in this state shall promptly notify the ~~subunit of the~~
15 department ~~that administers s. 106.15~~, any affected employee, any collective
16 bargaining representative of any affected employee, and the highest official of any
17 municipality in which the affected employment site is located, in writing of such
18 action no later than 60 days prior to the date on which the business closing or mass
19 layoff takes place. The notice to an affected employee shall also include contact
20 information for the local workforce development board under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122
21 serving the area in which the employment site is located and, if available, the list of
22 resources prepared under s. 106.11. The employer shall provide in writing all
23 information concerning its payroll, affected employees, and the wages and other
24 remuneration owed to those employees as the department may require. The

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1 department may in addition require the employer to submit a plan setting forth the
2 manner in which final payment in full shall be made to affected employees.

3 **SECTION 63.** 115.28 (24) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 115.28 (24) PRIORITY IN AWARDING GRANTS. Give priority in awarding grants to
5 school boards under s. 115.36, and in awarding grants from federal funds received
6 under 20 USC 2301 to 2471, 20 USC 4601 to 4665 and 29 USC 2862 (b) (1) (B), to
7 programs that provide more than one of the educational services specified under s.
8 115.36, 115.915, 118.01 (2) (d) 7. or 8. or 118.153 or 20 USC 2301 to 2471, 20 USC 4601
9 to 4665 or 29 USC ~~2862~~ 3172 (b) (1) (B).

10 **SECTION 64.** 115.28 (66) of the statutes is created to read:

11 115.28 (66) REPORT ON HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS. Annually, submit to the
12 chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under
13 s. 13.172 (2), a report on the number of homeless children and youths, as defined in
14 42 USC 11434a (2), in the public schools of this state.

15 **SECTION 65.** 234.253 of the statutes is created to read:

16 **234.253 Report on households with worst case housing needs. (1)**

17 DEFINITIONS. In this section, “households with worst case housing needs” means
18 households that meet all of the following criteria:

19 (a) Are renters.

20 (b) Do not receive federal, state, or local housing assistance.

21 (c) Have incomes of no more than 50 percent of the area median income, as
22 determined by the federal department of housing and urban development and
23 adjusted for family size.

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1 (d) Live in severely inadequate conditions, as determined by the federal
2 department of housing and urban development, or pay more than half of their income
3 for rent, or both.

4 **(2) ANNUAL REPORT.** The authority shall annually submit to the chief clerk of
5 each house of the legislature, for distribution to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2),
6 a report on the number of households with worst case housing needs in this state.
7 The report shall include the number of households with worst case housing needs by
8 county, demographic statistics and information on these households, analysis of the
9 impediments to securing affordable housing, and recommended changes to state and
10 local programs to assist these households with securing affordable housing.

11 **SECTION 66.** 238.30 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 238.30 **(4m)** “Member of a targeted group” means a person who resides in an
13 area designated by the federal government as an economic revitalization area, a
14 person who is employed in an unsubsidized job but meets the eligibility requirements
15 under s. 49.145 (2) and (3) for a Wisconsin Works employment position, a person who
16 is employed in a trial job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), 2011 stats., or in a trial
17 employment match program job, as defined in s. 49.141 (1) (n), a person who is
18 eligible for child care assistance under s. 49.155, a person who is a vocational
19 rehabilitation referral, an economically disadvantaged youth, an economically
20 disadvantaged veteran, a supplemental security income recipient, a general
21 assistance recipient, an economically disadvantaged ex-convict, a dislocated worker,
22 as defined in 29 USC ~~2801 (9)~~ 3102 (15), or a food stamp recipient, if the person has
23 been certified in the manner under 26 USC 51 (d) (13) (A) by a designated local
24 agency, as defined in 26 USC 51 (d) (12).

25 **SECTION 67.** 281.61 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 281.61 **(8)** (b) The department of administration shall allocate the amount
2 appropriated under s. 20.320 (2) (a) to projects involving forgivable loans to private
3 users of public water systems to replace lead service lines.

4 **SECTION 68.** 946.13 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 946.13 **(10)** Subsection (1) (a) does not apply to a member of a local workforce
6 development board established under 29 USC ~~2832~~ 3122 or to a member of the
7 council on workforce investment established under 29 USC ~~2821~~ 3111.

8 **SECTION 69. Nonstatutory provisions.**

9 (1) **JOB AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM.** The department of workforce
10 development shall establish a pilot program to provide supportive job and
11 employment services to individuals receiving housing vouchers or receiving services
12 from state-funded homeless shelters. The pilot program established under this
13 subsection shall provide similar job and employment services to those provided
14 under the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs program under
15 s. 49.163. The department shall establish eligibility criteria for individuals
16 participating in the pilot program, and the program shall be administered by the
17 department or another entity authorized to administer the programs under s. 49.163
18 (4). The department of workforce development shall pay for the pilot program under
19 this subsection from the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (fc). The pilot program
20 established under this subsection shall sunset on June 30, 2025.

21 (2) **PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.** The Wisconsin Housing
22 and Economic Development Authority shall develop policies and procedures for and
23 implement a 2-year pilot program that gives priority to individuals who are included
24 in the category of homeless children and youths, as defined in 42 USC 11434a (2), and
25 families with at least one individual included in that category on the waiting list that

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1 the authority, or a public housing agency that contracts with the authority,
2 maintains for vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

3 (3) COMMUNITY ACTION OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM. During the 2023-25
4 fiscal biennium, the department of health services shall award no more than a total
5 of \$2,000,000 per fiscal year in grant moneys under s. 49.675.

6 (4) INTERNET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Using the procedure under s. 227.24, the
7 department of children and families may promulgate the rules authorized under s.
8 49.168 (2) as emergency rules. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the
9 department of children and families is not required to provide evidence that
10 promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the
11 preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to
12 provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

13 (5) EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. The department of health services may
14 develop a methodology to allocate moneys under s. 20.435 (7) (bt) across county
15 programs.

16 **SECTION 70. Fiscal changes.**

17 (1) STATE SUPPLEMENT TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.
18 In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of
19 workforce development under s. 20.445 (1) (cr), the dollar amount for fiscal year
20 2023-24 is increased by \$799,400 for the purposes for which the appropriation is
21 made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department
22 of workforce development under s. 20.445 (1) (cr), the dollar amount for fiscal year
23 2024-25 is increased by \$799,400 for the purposes for which the appropriation is
24 made.

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1 (2) GRANTS TO DEFRAY HOUSING COSTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
2 appropriation to the department of administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b), the dollar
3 amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$220,000 for grants under s. 16.303
4 (1) (a) to persons or families of low or moderate income to defray housing costs. In
5 the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of
6 administration under s. 20.505 (7) (b), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is
7 increased by \$220,000 for grants under s. 16.303 (1) (a) to persons or families of low
8 or moderate income to defray housing costs.

9 (3) SKILLS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
10 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the
11 dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the purpose for
12 which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
13 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (fr), the
14 dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the purpose for
15 which the appropriation is made.

16 (4) EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE. In the schedule under s. 20.005
17 (3) for the appropriation to the department of transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (bs),
18 the dollar amounts for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 are increased by
19 5 percent of the amount in the schedule for the appropriation to the department of
20 transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (bs) for fiscal year 2022-23 to award grants to
21 public and private organizations for the development and implementation of job
22 access and employment transportation assistance programs.

23 (5) TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
24 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),
25 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the

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1 Transitional Jobs program under s. 49.163 for programs outside of Milwaukee
2 County. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department
3 of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md), the dollar amount for fiscal year
4 2024-25 is increased by \$1,000,000 for the Transitional Jobs program under s.
5 49.163 for programs outside of Milwaukee County.

6 (6) CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
7 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),
8 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$500,000 for the grant for
9 civil legal services under s. 49.1635. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
10 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),
11 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$500,000 for the grant for
12 civil legal services under s. 49.1635.

13 (7) INTERNET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
14 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),
15 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2023-24 is increased by \$10,000,000 for the Internet
16 assistance program under s. 49.168. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
17 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md),
18 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2024-25 is increased by \$10,000,000 for the Internet
19 assistance program under s. 49.168.

20 (8) SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTIES. In the schedule under
21 s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of transportation under s.
22 20.395 (1) (cr), the dollar amounts for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 are
23 increased by 2 percent of the amount in the schedule for the appropriation to the
24 department of transportation under s. 20.395 (1) (cr) for fiscal year 2022-23 for the
25 purpose for which the appropriation is made.

