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2019 SENATE BILL 701

January 24, 2020 - Introduced by Senator RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representative KOLSTE, by request of a constituant. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

AN ACT ***to amend*** 46.286 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility for the family care benefit for individuals who are deaf-blind.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill grants functional eligibility for the family care benefit to people who are deaf-blind, as defined in the bill. Under current law, a person must meet certain criteria in order to have entitlement to the family care benefit, including that the person is at least 18 years of age; the person has a physical or developmental disability, or is a frail elder; and that the person is both functionally and financially eligible based on the standards described in the statute.

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. 46.286 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.286 **(1)** (a) *Functional eligibility.* (intro.) A person is functionally eligible if <u>the person is deaf-blind, as defined in 29 USC 1905, or if</u> the person's level of care need, as determined by the department or its designee, is either of the following:

(END)