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SENATE BILL 2

January 26, 2018 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON SENATE ORGANIZATION, Senators KAPENGA, CRAIG, COWLES, DARLING, FEYEN, LEMAHIEU, NASS, STROEBEL, VUKMIR and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives VOS, FELZKOWSKI, THIESFELDT, JAGLER, SANFELIPPO, TUSLER, PETERSEN, DUCHOW, PETRYK, KUGLITSCH, TITTL, KNODL, BRANDTJEN, MURPHY, NEYLON, SPIROS, WICHGERS, BERNIER, KRUG, KLEEFISCH, ROHRKASTE, KATSMA, BORN, KREMER and SWEARINGEN, by request of Governor Scott Walker. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 49.79 (9) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** statewide
2 FoodShare employment and training program requirement for able-bodied
3 adults.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to require all able-bodied adults to participate in the FoodShare employment and training program, known as FSET, except for able-bodied adults who are caretakers of a child under the age of six and able-bodied adults who are at least half-time students. FoodShare is also known as the food stamp program and the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and is administered by DHS. An able-bodied adult is 18 years of age or older but younger than 50 years of age, not pregnant, not exempt from a work requirement under federal regulations, and not determined to be medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment. Currently, able-bodied adults without dependents are required to comply with certain work requirements as a condition of FoodShare eligibility, though the FSET program is voluntary. The 2017 Biennial Budget Act, 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, specified that DHS may require able-bodied adults to participate in FSET and allowed DHS to require a subset of, instead of all, able individuals who are 18 to 60 years of age and who are not Wisconsin Works participants to participate in FSET, to the extent allowed by the federal government.

