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STUDY ASSIGNMENT: The committee is directed to study the Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program and the child welfare system to determine methods to improve collaboration between the two systems in order to support, strengthen, and, in some cases, reunify families. The committee shall review recent legislative audits of both systems. The committee shall determine how the W-2 Program may be more supportive of the family unit. In addition, the committee shall study how participation in the child welfare system affects the receipt of public benefits and how public benefits affect a parent's ability to meet conditions under a child welfare court order.

15 MEMBERS: 2 Senators, 3 Representatives, and 10 Public Members.

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