



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 49.155 (6g) (am) to (c); and *to renumber and amend* 49.155
2 (6g) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** a child's hourly usage of child care
3 authorizations under Wisconsin Shares (suggested as remedial legislation by
4 the Department of Children and Families).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, Wisconsin Shares is a part of the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program, which the Department of Children and Families administers. The W-2 program provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. Under current law, an individual who is the parent of a child under the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, under the age of 19 who needs child care services to participate in various education or work activities, and who satisfies other eligibility criteria, may receive a child care subsidy for child care services under Wisconsin Shares.

This bill eliminates a provision under current law that, if a subsidy payment to a child care provider is based on authorized hours of child care, DCF must track a child's hourly usage of child care authorizations and adjust the authorized hours of child care for the child based on that usage.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Children and Families and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 49.155 (6g) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 49.155 (6g), and 49.155
2 (6g) (a), (b) and (d), as renumbered, are amended to read:

3 49.155 **(6g)** (a) In this ~~paragraph~~ subsection, “department” means the
4 department or the county department or agency determining and authorizing the
5 amount of child care for which an individual may receive a subsidy under this
6 section.

7 (b) Except as provided in ~~subd. 3. par. (c)~~, the department shall authorize no
8 more than 12 hours of child care per day per child.

9 (d) If the authorized hours of child care per day for a child will be reduced from
10 more than 12 to 12 or less because the child’s parent does not provide the written
11 documentation required under ~~subd. 3. par. (c)~~, the department shall provide to the
12 child’s parent who is receiving the subsidy under this section and to the child’s child
13 care provider 4 weeks’ notice of the reduction in authorized hours before actually
14 reducing the child’s authorized hours.

NOTE: SECTION 1 makes renumbering changes to account for the repeal of other statutory provisions under SECTION 2.

15 **SECTION 2.** 49.155 (6g) (am) to (c) of the statutes are repealed.

NOTE: SECTION 2 repeals procedures for DCF to determine authorized hours of child care for purposes of making payments to child care providers under the Wisconsin Shares program.

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