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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

## REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services  
Madison

January 20, 2009

### INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read first time and referred:

#### Assembly Bill 5

Relating to: payment of Wisconsin supplemental and extended unemployment insurance benefits in this state.

By Representatives Sinicki, Sheridan, Nelson, Seidel, Staskunas, Barca, Colon, Van Akkeren, Jorgensen, Toles, Parisi and Honadel; cosponsored by Senators Coggs, Decker, Miller, Hansen, Lehman and Wirch.

To joint committee on **Finance**.

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

In [1997 Act 27](#), the 1997-99 Biennial Budget, the Legislature established requirements in state law intended to strengthen protections for children and vulnerable adults in organized care settings. The provisions require, among other things, that designated caregivers conduct background checks on all new and existing staff and bar them from employing anyone who has committed certain crimes or acts. The Department of Health Services and (for certain child care providers) counties and local school boards must perform checks on a provider before issuing a license or other credential. Individuals who have committed prohibited crimes or acts may apply to the Department, counties, or school boards for a waiver of the employment of licensing bans upon evidence of rehabilitation.

Sections [48.685 \(5g\)](#) and [50.065 \(5g\)](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes direct the Department to submit an annual report to the Legislature that specifies the number of persons who have sought waivers of employment of licensing bans by requesting to demonstrate that they have been rehabilitated. The report must also specify the number of requests that were approved and the reasons for the success or failure of the requests. Attached is the report for 2008.

Questions about this report should be referred to Diane Welsh, Chief Legal Counsel, at 608-266-1404.

Sincerely,  
*KAREN E. TIMBERLAKE*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Health and Healthcare Reform**.

### COMMUNICATIONS

January 26, 2009

State Representative Jon Richards  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
Room 118 North, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Representative Richards:

This letter is to advise that I am appointing you to serve as my designee on the Wisconsin Center District Board for the 2009-2010 legislative session.

Sincerely,  
*MARK POCAN*  
State Representative  
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Finance

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health Services  
Madison

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To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The attached report is submitted to the Legislature pursuant to s. [46.27 \(11g\)](#) and s. [46.277 \(5m\)](#) of the Wisconsin statutes,

which require the Department of Health Services to submit an annual report for the Community Options Program (COP) and the Home and Community-Based Waivers (COP-W/CIP II). The attached report describes the persons served, program expenditures, and services delivered through the COP, COP-Waiver and CIP II programs in calendar year 2007.

The Community Options Program provides services to people who are elderly or who have a physical, developmental or mental disability, and is closely coordinated with all of

Wisconsin's Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers. With the Department's oversight, county agencies are able to ensure that a comprehensive and individualized care plan is provided, while maintaining program flexibility and integrity, and maximizing federal matching funds.

Sincerely,  
*KAREN E. TIMBERLAKE*  
Secretary

Referred to committee on **Aging and Long-Term Care.**