

CHAPTER 286

AN ACT to amend 49.18 (1) (a), 49.19 (5), 49.21 (1) and 49.61 (6) of the statutes, relating to disregarding the earned income exempted in determining need for the blind, in determining the need of other individuals applying for any of the social security aids.

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

SECTION 1. 49.18 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.18 (1) (a) Any needy person who is blind shall receive aid from the county of his residence as provided in this section. The amount granted shall be determined on the basis of need taking into consideration all income and resources as well as ordinary and special expenses incidental to blindness, except that as permitted or required for federal aid in making such determination of need the first \$50 *per month* of earned income shall be disregarded *in determining such amount; provided that any amount of earned income so disregarded in determining the amount of aid to the blind a recipient of such aid is eligible for, shall not be taken into consideration in determining the need of any other individual for aid to the blind, old-age assistance, aid to dependent children or aid to totally and permanently disabled persons.* The maximum aid per month shall not exceed * * * \$75.

SECTION 2. 49.19 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.19 (5) The aid shall be sufficient to enable the person having the care and custody of such children to care properly for them. The amount granted shall be determined by a budget for the family in which all income (*except as provided by s. 49.18 (1) (a)*) as well as expenses shall be considered. Such family budget shall be based on a standard budget, including the parents or other person who may be found eligible to receive aid under this section. Medical and dental aid may be granted to a minor child, to the person having his care and custody, and to the incapacitated father when he is in the home, as necessary. Not to exceed \$150 shall be allowed to cover the burial expenses of a dependent child or its parents. Aid pursuant to this section shall be the only form of public assistance granted to the family for the benefit of such child; and no aid shall continue longer than one year without reinvestigation. This subsection does not prohibit such public assistance as may legitimately accrue directly to persons other than the beneficiaries of this section who may reside in the same household.

SECTION 3. 49.21 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.21 * * * Any person who complies with the provisions of ss. 49.20 to 49.38 shall be entitled to financial assistance in old age. The amount granted shall be determined by a budget in which all income and resources (*except as provided by s. 49.18 (1) (a)*) as well as expenses shall be considered, and the aid per month shall not exceed \$75.

SECTION 4. 49.61 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.61 (6) The amount of aid which a person may receive under this section shall be according to his need but shall not exceed \$80 per month. The agency shall, in determining need, take into consideration any other income and resources (*except as provided by s. 49.18 (1) (a)*) of an individual claiming aid under this section. Any person receiving aid under this section shall not be eligible for old-age assistance, aid to the blind or aid to dependent children.

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