



## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 149

March 4, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, HUTCHISON, SYKORA, ALBERS and TURNER, cosponsored by Senator DRZEWIECKI. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 46.268 (3), 46.495 (1) (d), 51.423 (2) and 51.45 (5) (c); and **to**  
2             **create** 46.268 (4), 46.495 (1) (db), 51.423 (2m) and 51.45 (5) (cm) of the statutes;  
3             **relating to:** county share of community aids funding.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, counties provide social services for low-income persons and services for persons with needs related to mental illness, substance abuse or developmental disabilities. Currently, federal and state funds, known as community aids funds, are available to counties for the provision of those services. Counties that receive community aids funds must provide matching funds equal to 9.89% of the cost of the service, in the case of certain community services, or of 9.89% of the funding received, in the case of certain other social services.

This bill lowers the matching requirement to 5% of the cost of services in counties with a poverty rate exceeding 30%.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 46.268 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           46.268 (3) County matching funds are required for allocations under sub. (1).  
2    A Except as provided in sub. (4), a county's required match equals 9.89% of the cost  
3    of community service.

4           **SECTION 2.** 46.268 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

5           46.268 (4) In a county with a poverty rate exceeding 30%, the county's required  
6    match under sub. (3) equals 5% of the cost of community service.

7           **SECTION 3.** 46.495 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           46.495 (1) (d) From the appropriations under s. 20.435 (3) (o) and (7) (b), (kw)  
9    and (o), the department shall distribute the funding for social services, including  
10   funding for foster care or treatment foster care of a child on whose behalf aid is  
11   received under s. 46.261, to county departments under ss. 46.215, 46.22 and 46.23  
12   as provided under s. 46.40. County matching funds are required for the distributions  
13   under s. 46.40 (2) and (8). ~~Each~~ Except as provided in par. (db), each county's  
14   required match for a year equals 9.89% of the total of the county's distributions for  
15   that year for which matching funds are required plus the amount the county was  
16   required by s. 46.26 (2) (c), 1985 stats., to spend for juvenile delinquency-related  
17   services from its distribution for 1987. Matching funds may be from county tax  
18   levies, federal and state revenue sharing funds or private donations to the county  
19   that meet the requirements specified in s. 51.423 (5). Private donations may not  
20   exceed 25% of the total county match. If the county match is less than the amount  
21   required to generate the full amount of state and federal funds distributed for this  
22   period, the decrease in the amount of state and federal funds equals the difference  
23   between the required and the actual amount of county matching funds.

24           **SECTION 4.** 46.495 (1) (db) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           46.495 (1) (db) In a county with a poverty rate exceeding 30%, the county's  
2           required match under par. (d) equals 5% of the cost of the social services for the year  
3           for which matching funds are required.

4           **SECTION 5.** 51.423 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5           51.423 (2) From the appropriations under s. 20.435 (3) (o) and (7) (b), (kw) and  
6           (o), the department shall distribute the funding for services provided or purchased  
7           by county departments under s. 46.23, 51.42 or 51.437 to such county departments  
8           as provided under s. 46.40. County matching funds are required for the distributions  
9           under s. 46.40 (2). ~~Each~~ Except as provided in sub. (2m), each county's required  
10          match for a year equals 9.89% of the total of the county's distributions for that year  
11          for which matching funds are required plus the amount the county was required by  
12          s. 46.26 (2) (c), 1985 stats., to spend for juvenile delinquency-related services from  
13          its distribution for 1987. Matching funds may be from county tax levies, federal and  
14          state revenue sharing funds or private donations to the counties that meet the  
15          requirements specified in sub. (5). Private donations may not exceed 25% of the total  
16          county match. If the county match is less than the amount required to generate the  
17          full amount of state and federal funds distributed for this period, the decrease in the  
18          amount of state and federal funds equals the difference between the required and the  
19          actual amount of county matching funds.

20          **SECTION 6.** 51.423 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

21          51.423 (2m) In a county with a poverty rate exceeding 30%, the county's  
22          required match under sub. (2) equals 5% of the cost of the services provided or  
23          purchased during year for which matching funds are required.

24          **SECTION 7.** 51.45 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

