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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 979

February 26, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives SUMMERFIELD, AUGUST, FELZKOWSKI, KERKMAN and KULP, cosponsored by Senators LEMAHIEU, STROEBEL and NASS. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 49.823 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring department
2 review of public benefit databases.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services and the Department of Children and Families to perform, every three months, a comparison of each department's respective public benefit database information against nationally recognized databases, including the federal Social Security Administration's Death Master File, that contain information on death records. Based on that comparison, DHS and DCF must then remove from that department's public benefit databases those individuals that the department has determined are deceased.

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

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 49.823 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **49.823 Public benefit database review.** Every 3 months, the department
5 of health services and the department of children and families shall perform a
6 comparison of each department's respective public benefit database information

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1 against nationally recognized databases that contain information on death records,
2 including the federal social security administration's Death Master File, to identify
3 participants in public benefit programs that are deceased. If a department
4 determines during a review under this section that a participant is deceased, the
5 department shall remove that individual from any of the department's applicable
6 public benefit databases.

7 (END)