



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 126

March 24, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives PENTERMAN, DITTRICH, BALDEH, BEHNKE, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, GUNDRUM, TITTL, WICHGERS and ALLEN, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 49.45 (2) (a) 7m. of the statutes; **relating to:** participation in
2 the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to enter into any necessary agreements with the federal Department of Health and Human Services and neighboring states to join and participate as an active member in the Public Assistance Reporting Information System. The Public Assistance Reporting Information System is a federal database used to check whether public assistance recipients may be receiving duplicate benefits in more than one state. The bill also requires DHS to identify any veterans, dependents of veterans, and survivors receiving benefits under the Medical Assistance program that are eligible for federal military-related health care benefits and encourage those individuals to apply for the federal benefits for which they are eligible.

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.** 49.45 (2) (a) 7m. of the statutes is created to read:
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5 department of health and human services and neighboring states to join and

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1 participate as an active member in the public assistance reporting information
2 system operated by the federal department of health and human services. The
3 department shall review information in the public assistance reporting information
4 system to identify any veterans, dependents of veterans, and survivors receiving
5 benefits under the Medical Assistance program that are eligible for federal
6 military-related health care benefits and encourage those veterans, dependents of
7 veterans, and survivors to apply for the federal benefits for which they are eligible.

8 (END)