



State of Wisconsin
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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 556

February 10, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives KNUDSON, LITJENS, THIESFELDT, KRUG, PRIDEMORE, LEMAHIEU, STEINEKE, ENDSLEY, KAUFERT, NYGREN, PETERSEN, A. OTT, STRACHOTA, SPANBAUER and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 49.79 (9) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring
2 participation in the food stamp employment and training program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health Services (DHS) administers the the federal food stamp program (also known as the supplemental nutrition assistance program), including the employment and training (FSET) program for food stamp program recipients. Under current law, DHS may require a food stamp recipient who is able and 18 to 60 years of age to participate in FSET to be eligible for food stamps, with exceptions for an individual who is participating in a Wisconsin Works employment position, an individual who is the caretaker of a child under the age of 12 weeks, and an individual who is enrolled at least half time in school or in a training program or an institution of higher education. This bill provides that DHS must require all food stamp recipients who are able and 18 to 60 years of age to participate in FSET, except for those food stamp recipients for whom there is an exception under current state statutes.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

