



# Milwaukee County

## Legislation Text

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From the Director of Child Support Services providing an informational report regarding Resolution 19-969 - A resolution authorizing and requesting the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Services to review the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Birth Costs Recovery (BCR) policy to help determine the fiscal and racial equity impacts of discontinuing the practice in Milwaukee County and how BCR elimination can be implemented in the County. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Resolution 19-969 requires Child Support Services (CSS) to provide a written report to the County Board for consideration and possible action in the January 2020 meeting cycle. This report begins with a summary of Wisconsin law regarding setting and collecting birth expenses, along with the policies developed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) based upon that law. It then provides an assessment of actual birth cost orders in the County, showing how that law and those policies are applied by CSS in its cases. Finally, it addresses the fiscal impacts on CSS should the Board determine that birth cost reimbursement should end in the County.