

The Arc Wisconsin Policy Insiders: Important Changes to SSI

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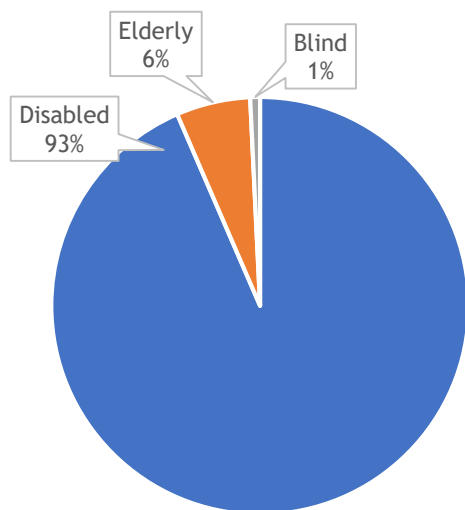
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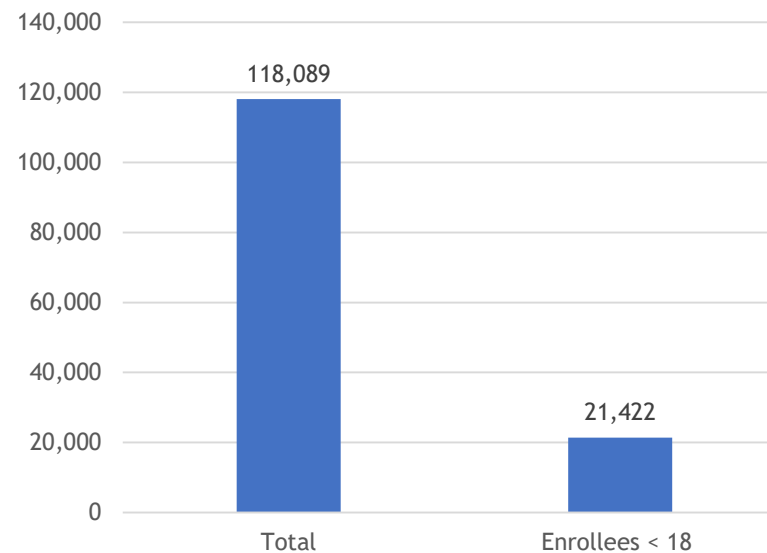


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- Introduced in the House by Rep. Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ) on Sept 11, 2019
 - Bill Number: H.R. 4280
 - 34 Co-Sponsors, including Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI, Milwaukee)
 - You can read it here:
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4280/text>

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- Introduced in the Senate by Sen. Sherrod Brown(D-OH) on Oct 30, 2019
 - Bill Number: S. 2753
 - 9 Co-Sponsors, but neither WI Senator

Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2019

- This bill would:
 - Increase the general income disregard from \$20 to \$123
 - Increase the earned income disregard from \$65 to \$399
 - Increase the asset limit from \$2,000 for an individual (\$3,000 for a couple) to \$10,000 (\$20,000).

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- This bill would:
 - Repeal the In-Kind Support and Maintenance Rule to allow family and friends to help with food and housing
 - Eliminate the marriage penalty by increasing the SSI couples rate to equal two times the individual rate

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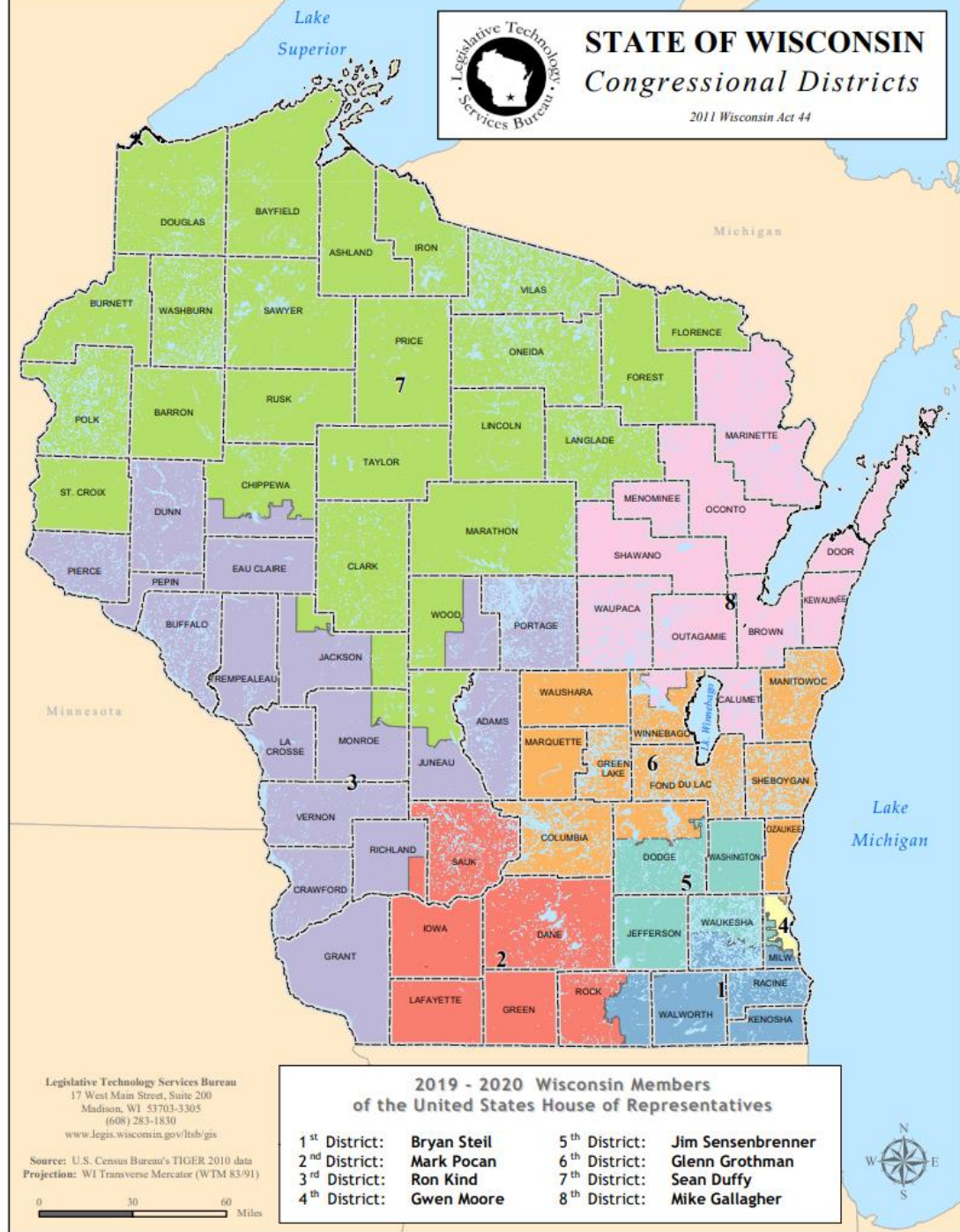


- What you can do:
 - Ask all of your Members of Congress to co-sponsor the bill.
 - If you have a story about how this bill would impact your life, tell that story to your Member of Congress.
 - Tell The Arc National too!



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2011 Wisconsin Act 44



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau's TIGER 2010 data
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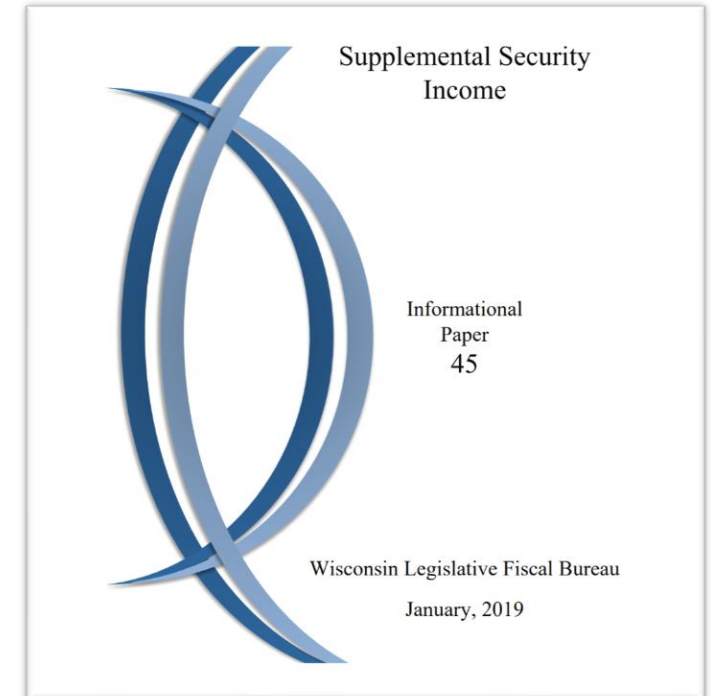


Other Wisconsin Resources

Overview of SSI in Wisconsin: Legislative
Fiscal Bureau – January 2019

[http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/
lfb/informational_papers/january_201
9/0045_supplemental_security_incom
e_informational_paper_45.pdf](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2019/0045_supplemental_security_income_informational_paper_45.pdf)

(Also linked on the Insiders page)



Other Helpful Resources

Justice in Aging:

<https://www.justiceinaging.org/our-work/economic-security/ssi-restoration-act/>

JUSTICE IN AGING
FIGHTING SENIOR POVERTY THROUGH LAW

SSI Restoration Act Comparison Chart

	Current SSI Program Provision	SSI Restoration Act Update
General Income Disregard	\$20 per month	\$123 per month
Earned Income Exclusion	\$65 per month	\$399 per month
Resource Limit	\$2,000 for individuals; \$3,000 for couples	\$10,000 for individuals; \$20,000 for couples
In-Kind Support and Maintenance	In-kind support and maintenance provision, which can reduce SSI benefits by up to one third for people receiving food and/or shelter from others for below market rate	Elimination of in-kind support and maintenance to reduce administrative burden on SSA and allow SSI recipients to use their benefits to cover more of their basic costs
Transfer Penalty	Transfer penalty that withholds benefits for up to 36 months from SSI recipients who give away a resource for less than fair market value	Repealed
Marriage Status	Marriage penalty provides 25 percent less to married couples than to two single people living together who receive SSI	The SSI rate for couples is twice the individual rate
State Earned Income Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits	Counted as income for SSI recipients even though federal earned income tax credits and child tax credits are excluded	Excluded in the same manner as federal tax credits

Thank you!