



2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 916

February 2, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, C. TAYLOR, ANDERSON, BARCA, BERCEAU, BILLINGS, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, FIELDS, GENRICH, HESSELBEIN, KOLSTE, MEYERS, OHNSTAD, POPE, SARGENT, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, WACHS and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, L. TAYLOR, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, HANSEN, JOHNSON, LARSON, RINGHAND, SHILLING and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 49.175 (1) (p) of the statutes; **relating to:** child care provider
2 rates under Wisconsin Shares, funding for Wisconsin Shares child care
3 subsidies, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases funding for child care subsidies under the Wisconsin Shares program and requires the Department of Children and Families to increase maximum payment rates for licensed child care services provided under Wisconsin Shares no later than 30 days after the bill goes into effect.

The Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law, which is administered by DCF, provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. Also, an individual who is the parent of a child under the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, under the age of 19, who needs child care services to participate in various educational or work activities, and who satisfies other eligibility criteria may receive a child care subsidy for child care services under the W-2 program. This child care subsidy program is known as Wisconsin Shares.

Under current law, DCF is directed to allocate in each fiscal year specific amounts of money, including federal moneys received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, for various public assistance programs. Current law directs DCF to allocate \$289,215,200 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$310,369,200 in fiscal year 2018-19 for direct child care services under Wisconsin Shares. This bill increases each of those allocations by \$24,000,000 in each of those fiscal years.

