



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2019 Assembly Bill 144	Assembly Substitute Amendment 1
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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 144

2019 Assembly Bill 144 increases the appropriation to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide skills enhancement grants by \$250,000 for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. The bill takes effect on July 1, 2019, or the day after publication of the Biennial Budget Act, whichever is later.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 revises the method of providing the additional funding. Rather than increasing the scheduled appropriation, the amendment utilizes the procedure available under current law by which the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) may supplement an appropriation if it finds that funds are not available to accomplish the purpose of an authorized program and it finds that an emergency exists. Under the amendment, if DCF requests amounts from any supplemental funding set aside for the 2019-21 biennium, JCF may approve the additional funding for the program without finding that an emergency exists.

BILL HISTORY

2019 Assembly Bill 144 was introduced by Representative Kurtz on March 25, 2019. On May 31, 2019, Representative Kurtz offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1. On June 4, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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