



State of Wisconsin
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FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

1. Grants to support child care in Milwaukee

This bill authorizes DCF to award grants to child care providers to support access to high-quality child care for families that reside in a geographic area with high-poverty levels, as identified by DCF, in the city of Milwaukee, and to award grants to child care providers and their employees, and to educational institutions for the purpose of educating employees of child care providers, to improve the overall child care quality in that geographic area.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 49.257 of the statutes is created to read:

49.257 Milwaukee child care grant program. (1) In this section, "child care provider" has the meaning given in s. 49.155 (1) (ag).

***NOTE: As defined here, "child care provider" includes licensed child care centers, child care providers certified for purposes of Wisconsin Shares, and child care programs established or contracted for by a school board.

(2) From the allocation under s. 49.175 (1) (p), the department may award grants to child care providers to support access to high-quality child care for families that reside in a geographic area with high-poverty levels, as identified by the department, in the city of Milwaukee. A grant under this section may be used for start-up costs, ongoing operational costs, including subsidy payments for eligible families, and quality improvement activities. A child care provider that is awarded a grant under this subsection shall contribute matching funds equal to 25 percent of the amount awarded. The matching contribution may be in the form of money or in-kind goods or services.

(3) From the allocation under s. 49.175 (1) (qm), the department may award grants to any of the following to improve overall child care quality in the geographic area identified under sub. (2):

- (a) Child care providers and employees of child care providers.
- (b) Educational institutions for the purpose of educating employees of child care providers.

(END)