



## 1995 SENATE BILL 93

March 8, 1995 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, ROSENZWEIG, A. LASEE, RUDE, WEEDEN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives SILBAUGH, JENSEN, SCHNEIDERS, GOETSCH, MUSSER, KREIBICH, ZIEGELBAUER, DUFF, UNDERHEIM, SERATTI, RILEY and KLUSMAN. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services and Aging.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 20.435 (7) (pd); and **to create** 48.645 of the statutes; **relating**  
2     **to:** a foster care hotline.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the department of health and social services (DHSS) to allocate \$46,000 in federal foster care and adoption assistance (generally referred to as "IV-E") funds in each fiscal year to provide a foster care and treatment foster care hotline that foster parents, treatment foster parents, foster children, treatment foster children, parents with children in foster care or treatment foster care, guardians ad litem, child protection caseworkers and others may call to obtain information about foster care and treatment foster care. The bill also authorizes 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) position for DHSS to staff that hotline.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (7) (pd) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     20.435 (7) (pd) *Federal aid; state foster care and adoption services.* All federal  
5     moneys received for meeting the costs of providing foster care, treatment foster care  
6     and institutional child care under ss. 48.48 (4) and (14) and 48.52, and for the cost  
7     of care for children under s. 49.19 (10) (d). Disbursements for foster care under s.

1 46.03 (20) and for the purposes described under s. ss. 48.627 and 48.645 may be made  
2 from this appropriation.

3 **SECTION 2.** 48.645 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **48.645 Foster care and treatment foster care hotline.** From the  
5 appropriation under s. 20.435 (7) (pd), the department shall allocate \$46,000 in each  
6 fiscal year to provide a toll-free telephone number that foster parents, treatment  
7 foster parents, foster children, treatment foster children, parents with children in  
8 foster care or treatment foster care, guardians ad litem, child protection caseworkers  
9 and others may call to obtain information about foster care and treatment foster care.

10 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions; health and social services.**

11 (1) FOSTER CARE AND TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOTLINE. The authorized FTE  
12 positions for the department of health and social services are increased by 1.0 FED  
13 position on July 1, 1995, to be funded from the appropriation under section 20.435  
14 (7) (pd) of the statutes, as affected by this act, for the purpose of staffing the foster  
15 care and treatment foster care hotline under section 48.645 of the statutes, as created  
16 by this act.

17 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

18 (1) FOSTER CARE AND TREATMENT FOSTER CARE HOTLINE. This act takes effect on  
19 July 1, 1995 or on the day after publication, whichever is later.

20 (END)