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## **2017 SENATE BILL 819**

February 21, 2018 – Introduced by Senators Erpenbach, L. Taylor, Bewley, Carpenter, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Ringhand, Shilling and Vinehout, cosponsored 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. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

AN ACT to amend 49.175 (1) (p) of the statutes; relating to: child care provider rates under Wisconsin Shares, funding for Wisconsin Shares child care 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.

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Under current law, DCF establishes maximum payment rates, within specified parameters, for child care providers that provide child care services under Wisconsin Shares. This bill requires DCF to increase these maximum payment rates no later than 30 days after the bill goes into effect.

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

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

SECTION 1. 49.175 (1) (p) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, is amended to read:

49.175 **(1)** (p) *Direct child care services*. For direct child care services under s. 49.155, \$289,215,200 \$313,215,200 in fiscal year 2017–18 and \$310,369,200 \$334,369,200 in fiscal year 2018–19.

#### **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) The department of children and families shall increase the maximum payment rates for licensed child care services under section 49.155 (6) of the statutes no later than the 30th day beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

10 (END)