



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 624

November 21, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives DOYLE, CROWLEY, VINING, SUBECK, ZAMARRIPA, C. TAYLOR, SINICKI, SARGENT, POPE, NEUBAUER, HEBL, EMERSON, BROSTOFF, BOWEN, BILLINGS and ANDERSON, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, LARSON, SMITH and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 48.482 of the statutes; **relating to:** driver's licenses for youth
2 in out-of-home care and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to establish or contract for a driver education program for individuals who are 15 years of age or older and in out-of-home care. The bill requires the program to provide assistance with identifying and enrolling in an appropriate driver education course, obtaining an operator's license, and obtaining motor vehicle liability insurance. The bill authorizes DCF to pay, for any individual in the program, any fees required to enroll in a driver education course or to obtain an operator's license and the cost of motor vehicle liability insurance on the vehicle owned or used by the individual during the program and after the individual obtains an operator's license.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 48.482 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **48.482 Driver education program.** The department shall establish or
5 contract for a driver education program for individuals who are 15 years of age or

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1 older and in out-of-home care. The program shall provide assistance with
2 identifying and enrolling in an appropriate driver education course, obtaining an
3 operator's license, and obtaining motor vehicle liability insurance. From the
4 appropriation under s. 20.437 (1) (a), the department may pay all of the following
5 expenses that apply to an individual in the program:

6 (1) Fees required to enroll in a driver education course.

7 (2) Fees required to obtain an operator's license under ch. 343.

8 (3) The cost of motor vehicle liability insurance for the motor vehicle owned or
9 used by the individual while participating in the program and after obtaining an
10 operator's license, including any increase in the cost of motor vehicle liability
11 insurance on a motor vehicle owned by an out-of-home care provider and used by
12 the individual.

13 **SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

14 (1) DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
15 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (1) (a), the
16 dollar amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by \$89,700 to fund the driver
17 education program under s. 48.482. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
18 appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (1) (a), the
19 dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21 is increased by \$289,200 to fund the driver
20 education program under s. 48.482.

21 (END)