



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 1147

March 10, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, SHELTON, ANDERSON, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HEBL, HONG, B. MEYERS, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, SUBECK and STUBBS, cosponsored by Senators SMITH, ROYS and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.435 (4) (bu) and 49.79 (7s) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 payment processing equipment and services for farmers and farmers' markets
3 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to provide electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card processing equipment and services to farmers' markets and farmers who sell directly to consumers as a payment processing program. The bill specifies that the electronic benefit transfer processing equipment and services must include equipment and services for the food stamp program, which is known as FoodShare. Under the bill, the vendor that processes the electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card transactions must also process any local purchasing incentives. The bill provides \$735,000 for this payment processing program, and included in that amount is funding for a portion of a full-time employee position for DHS to coordinate and provide other services for the payment processing program. The bill also appropriates additional moneys to the Department of Public Instruction for special education and to the University of Wisconsin System and the state's technical college system for higher education to satisfy maintenance of effort requirements to sustain certain federal funding.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

		2021-22		2022-23
3 20.435 Health services, department of				
4 (4) MEDICAID SERVICES				
5 (bu) Payment processing program for				
6 farmers	GPR B	367,500		367,500

7 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (4) (bu) of the statutes is created to read:
8 20.435 (4) (bu) *Payment processing program for farmers.* Biennially, the
9 amounts in the schedule to provide electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit
10 card processing equipment and services to farmers' markets and farmers who sell
11 directly to consumers under s. 49.79 (7s).

12 **SECTION 3.** 49.79 (7s) of the statutes is created to read:
13 49.79 (7s) PAYMENT PROCESSING PROGRAM. The department shall administer a
14 payment processing program to provide to farmers' markets and farmers who sell
15 directly to consumers electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card processing
16 equipment and services, including electronic benefit transfer for the food stamp
17 program. To participate in the payment processing program, the vendor that is
18 under contract to process the electronic benefit transfer and credit and debit card

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1 transactions shall also process any local purchasing incentives, even if those local
2 purchasing incentives are funded by a local third-party entity.

3 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) PAYMENT PROCESSING PROGRAM; POSITION. The authorized FTE positions for
5 the department of health services are increased by 0.625 GPR position, to be funded
6 from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (bu), for the purpose of coordinating the
7 payment processing program and providing other services under s. 49.79 (7s).

8 **SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.**

9 (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION AID. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
10 appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the
11 dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$230,000 to increase funding
12 for aids for special education under s. 115.88. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for
13 the appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the
14 dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$230,000 to increase funding
15 for aids for special education under s. 115.88.

16 (2) UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM; GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the
17 schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the
18 University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal
19 year 2021-22 is increased by \$51,000 to increase funding for the purposes for which
20 the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation
21 to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a),
22 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$51,000 to increase funding
23 for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.

24 (3) STATE AIDS FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for
25 the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (d), the

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1 dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$9,000 to increase funding for
2 the purposes for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005
3 (3) for the appropriation to the technical college system board under s. 20.292 (1) (d),
4 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$9,000 to increase funding
5 for the purposes for which the appropriation is made.

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