

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 731

February 8, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives HUEBSCH, KRUG, RILEY, HASENOHRL, BOCK, ZIEGELBAUER, LA FAVE, POCAN, TURNER, CARPENTER, PLOUFF, RICHARDS, WAUKAU, STASKUNAS and LASSA, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH, ROBSON, HUELSMAN, GROBSCHMIDT, RUDE, DARLING, ROESSLER and ROSENZWEIG. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.435 (3) (km), 46.515 (2), 46.515 (3) (a) and 46.515 (4) (a) 4m.;
 2 **and to create** 49.175 (1) (ze) 11. and 49.175 (1) (ze) 12. of the statutes; **relating**
 3 **to:** child abuse and neglect prevention and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of health and family services (DHFS) administers a child abuse and neglect prevention program under which DHFS awards grants to counties and Indian tribes that offer home visitation services to first-time parents who are eligible for medical assistance and that offer services to families that have been the subject of a child abuse or neglect report, or that have requested services to prevent child abuse or neglect, and that are at substantial risk of future child abuse or neglect, are willing to cooperate with an informal plan of support and services and are not likely to be the subject of a formal child in need of protection or services proceeding. Currently, no more than six rural counties, three urban counties and two Indian tribes may be selected to participate in the program. This bill authorizes no more than 20 rural counties, nine urban counties and five Indian tribes to participate in the program and provides additional funding for that program expansion.

For further information see the ***state and local*** 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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (3) (km) of the statutes, as affected by 1999 Wisconsin Act
2 9, section 397r, is amended to read:

3 20.435 **(3)** (km) *Federal block grant transfer; aids.* The amounts in the schedule
4 for grants under ss. 46.515 (2), 46.95 (2), 46.99 (2) (a), and 46.995 (2), (3) (b) and (4m)
5 (b). All moneys transferred from the appropriation account under s. 20.445 (3) (md)
6 shall be credited to this appropriation account.

7 **SECTION 2.** 46.515 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 46.515 **(2)** FUNDS PROVIDED. If a county or Indian tribe applies and is selected
9 by the department under sub. (5) to participate in the program under this section,
10 the department shall award, from the ~~appropriation~~ appropriations under s. 20.435
11 (3) (de) and (km), a grant annually to be used only for the purposes specified in sub.
12 (4) (a) and (am). The minimum amount of a grant is \$10,000. The department shall
13 determine the amount of a grant awarded to a county, other than a county with a
14 population of 500,000 or more, or Indian tribe in excess of the minimum amount
15 based on the number of births that are funded by medical assistance under subch.
16 IV of ch. 49 in that county or the reservation of that Indian tribe in proportion to the
17 number of births that are funded by medical assistance under subch. IV of ch. 49 in
18 all of the counties and the reservations of all of the Indian tribes to which grants are
19 awarded under this section. The department shall determine the amount of a grant
20 awarded to a county with a population of 500,000 or more in excess of the minimum
21 amount based on 60% of the number of births that are funded by medical assistance
22 under subch. IV of ch. 49 in that county in proportion to the number of births that
23 are funded by medical assistance under subch. IV of ch. 49 in all of the counties and
24 the reservations of all of the Indian tribes to which grants are awarded under this
25 section.

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1 **SECTION 3.** 46.515 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 46.515 **(3)** (a) *Number selected.* ~~In the 1997–99 Beginning in state fiscal~~
3 ~~biennium year 2000–01,~~ no more than ~~6~~ 20 rural counties, ~~3~~ 9 urban counties and
4 ~~2~~ 5 Indian tribes may be selected by the department to participate in the program
5 under this section.

6 **SECTION 4.** 46.515 (4) (a) 4m. of the statutes is amended to read:

7 46.515 **(4)** (a) 4m. Other than in a county with a population of 500,000 or more,
8 to reimburse a case management provider under s. 49.45 (25) (b) for the amount of
9 the allowable charges under the medical assistance program that is not provided by
10 the federal government for case management services provided to a medical
11 assistance beneficiary described in s. 49.45 (25) (am) 9. who is a child and who is a
12 member of a family that receives home visitation program services under par. (b) 1,
13 or to reimburse a case management provider as permitted under the temporary
14 assistance for needy families program, 42 USC 601 to 619.

15 **SECTION 5.** 49.175 (1) (ze) 11. of the statutes is created to read:

16 49.175 **(1)** (ze) 11. ‘Child abuse and neglect prevention grants.’ For child abuse
17 and neglect prevention grants under s. 46.515 (2), \$2,158,000 in each fiscal year.

18 **SECTION 6.** 49.175 (1) (ze) 12. of the statutes is created to read:

19 49.175 **(1)** (ze) 12. ‘Child abuse and neglect prevention technical assistance.’
20 For technical assistance under s. 46.515 (8) to counties and Indian tribes that are
21 selected to participate in the child abuse and neglect prevention program under s.
22 46.515, \$261,000 in fiscal year 2000–01. The department may not distribute moneys
23 allocated under this subdivision unless the joint committee on finance approves the
24 distribution.

25 **SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions; legislature.**

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1 (1) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The
2 department of health and family services may request the joint committee on finance
3 to supplement, from the appropriation under section 20.865 (4) (m) of the statutes,
4 the appropriation account under section 20.445 (3) (mc) of the statutes to pay for
5 technical assistance to counties and tribes that are selected to participate in the child
6 abuse and neglect prevention program under section 46.515 of the statutes, as
7 affected by this act. If the department of health and family services makes that
8 request, it shall submit a plan to the joint committee on finance to expend not more
9 than \$261,000 in fiscal year 2000–01 for that technical assistance. Notwithstanding
10 section 13.101 (3) of the statutes, if, within 14 working days after the date of the
11 request and the submission of the plan, the cochairpersons of the committee do not
12 notify the secretary of health and family services that the committee has scheduled
13 a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the request and plan, the request and plan
14 shall be considered approved and the appropriation account under section 20.445 (3)
15 (mc) of the statutes shall be supplemented from the appropriation under section
16 20.865 (4) (m) of the statutes in the amount requested. If the appropriation account
17 under section 20.445 (3) (mc) of the statutes is supplemented under this subsection,
18 the department of workforce development shall transfer the amount of the
19 supplement to the appropriation account under section 20.435 (3) (kx) of the statutes.

SECTION 8. Appropriation changes; health and family services.

20 (1) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION GRANTS. In the schedule under section
21 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of health and family
22 services under section 20.435 (3) (km) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1999,
23 the dollar amount is increased by \$2,158,000 for fiscal year 2000–01 to increase
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1 funding for grants under the child abuse and neglect program under section 46.515
2 of the statutes, as affected by this act.

3 **SECTION 9. Appropriation changes; workforce development.**

4 (1) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION GRANTS. In the schedule under section
5 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of workforce
6 development under section 20.445 (3) (md) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of
7 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$2,158,000 for fiscal year 2000–01 to increase
8 funding for grants under the child abuse and neglect program under section 46.515
9 of the statutes, as affected by this act.

10 **SECTION 10. Effective date.**

11 (1) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION GRANTS. This act takes effect on July
12 1, 2000.

13 (END)