

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 835

March 7, 2000 - Introduced by Representative MUSSER. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 46.40 (10) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating a program to
2 assist American Indian tribes and bands in developing their capacity to provide
3 child welfare services and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current state law, the department of health and family services (DHFS) distributes general purpose revenues (GPR) and federal revenues (FED), as community aids, to county departments of human services or social services to provide various social services, including child welfare services. Under current federal law, the Indian Child Welfare Act authorizes American Indian tribes to provide child welfare services for American Indian children. This bill directs DHFS to expend not more than \$85,000 in GPR in each fiscal year, beginning with the 2000-01 fiscal year, as community aids, to administer and oversee a program to assist federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands in this state in developing their capacity to provide child welfare services. The bill also allocates \$20,000 in new GPR and \$7,000 in FED to fund a .5 full-time equivalent position for the purpose of administering and overseeing that program.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 46.40 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

2 **46.40 (10) CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.** The
3 department shall expend not more than \$85,000 from the appropriation under s.
4 20.435 (7) (b) in each fiscal year to administer and oversee a program to assist
5 federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands in this state in developing the
6 capacity of the tribes and bands to provide child welfare services.

7 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions; health and family services.**

8 (1) **CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.** The authorized FTE
9 positions for the department of health and family services are increased by .13 FED
10 position, to be funded from the appropriation under section 20.435 (3) (n) of the
11 statutes, for the purpose of administering and overseeing a program to assist
12 federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands in developing the capacity of
13 the tribes and bands to provide child welfare services.

14 **SECTION 3. Appropriation changes.**

15 (1) **CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.** In the schedule under
16 section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of health
17 and family services under section 20.435 (8) (a) of the statutes, as affected by the acts
18 of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$20,000 for fiscal year 2000–01 to increase
19 the authorized FTE positions for the department by .37 GPR position for the purpose
20 of administering and overseeing a program to assist federally recognized American
21 Indian tribes and bands in this state in developing the capacity of the tribes and
22 bands to provide child welfare services.

23 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

