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Ayes: (6) Representatives Kestell, Vos, Jeskewitz,
Vukmir, Sinicki and Seidel.

Noes: (1) Representative Albers.

Absent: (1) Representative Grigsby.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

David Matzen
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Children and Families

Date: 5-12-05

Moved by: Seidel Seconded by: Vukmir

AB 262 SB _____ Clearinghouse Rule _____
 AJR _____ SJR _____ Appointment _____
 AR _____ SR _____ Other _____

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Be recommended for:
 Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Representative Steve Kestell, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Robin Vos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Sheryl Albers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Suzanne Jeskewitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Leah Vukmir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Tamara Grigsby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Christine Sinicki	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative Donna Seidel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>

Motion Carried Motion Failed

Assembly Republican Majority

Bill Summary

Contact: Dave Matzen, Office of Rep. Steve Kestell

AB 262: Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board; various changes

Relating to: a non-stock, non-profit corporation organized by the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, the membership of that board, the grant programs administered by that board, and making appropriations.

By: Representatives Kestell and Seidel; co-sponsored by Senators Olsen and Miller.

Date: November 8, 2005

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Legislature created the Children's Trust Fund as a public-private partnership in July 1983. The Children's Trust Fund is administered by the 16-member Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (CANPB). The activities of the Board are funded by federal funds, moneys received from the sale of duplicate birth certificates, moneys received from the sale of "Celebrate Children" license plates, and gifts, grants, contributions, and bequests received for the Children's Trust Fund.

Current law authorizes the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to organize a nonstock, nonprofit corporation for the purpose of soliciting and accepting contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests for the Children's Trust Fund. The corporation is named the Celebrate Children Foundation and is governed by a five-member board of directors. The board of directors consists of the chair of the Board and additional members elected by the Board and must include one legislator. In addition, no two members of the corporation's board may be from the same category of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board members.

Current law also allows the Department of Transportation to issue a special license plate with the words "Celebrate Children" on it for people interested in supporting the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Revenue from the sale of license plates is deposited into the Children's Trust Fund and may not be spent by the Board. The Board may only expend the interest from this revenue.

The CANPB currently consists of 16 members including the Governor, the attorney general, the secretary of DHFS, the state superintendent of public instruction, one majority party and one minority party of each house of the legislature.

Finally, under current law, the CANPB awards grants to organizations for child abuse and neglect prevention programs that promote public awareness of the need for child abuse and neglect prevention and that provide community-based education and services for parents, children and families.

SUMMARY OF AB 262 (AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE)

Assembly Bill 262 expands the purposes of the corporation organized by the CANPB to include not only soliciting and accepting contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests for the Children's Trust Fund, but also administering any programs that the CANPB contracts with the corporation to administer. The bill also permits the corporation, in addition to depositing those contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests into the Children's Trust Fund, to deposit those contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests into a fund that the corporation must establish and maintain under the bill and to use those moneys for the authorized purposes of the corporation or to pay for the operating costs of the corporation or to permit those contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests to accumulate indefinitely.

The bill requires the Department of Transportation to deposit moneys received from the sale of "Celebrate Children" license plates into the fund established by the corporation, rather than into the Children's Trust Fund, and requires the secretary of administration to transfer the unencumbered balance in the Children's Trust Fund that is derived from the sale of those license plates to the fund established by the corporation, where those moneys must be permitted to accumulate indefinitely. Under AB 262, the corporation must annually submit to the CANPB for its approval a budget specifying how the corporation intends to allocate its moneys. The budget must specify the amount of contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests accepted by the corporation that will be deposited into the children's trust fund and the amount of those contributions, grants, gifts, and bequests that will be deposited into the fund of the corporation and, of the amounts deposited into that fund, the amounts that will be allocated for each of the corporation's purposes or that will be permitted to accumulate indefinitely. In addition, the bill authorizes the CANPB to award, from the Children's Trust Fund, a grant of not more than \$100,000 in each of fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to the corporation and requires the corporation to use the grant moneys awarded for the corporation's authorized purposes. The bill also adds four members, elected by the CANPB, to the board of directors of the corporation and eliminates the requirement that one member of the board of directors of the corporation be a legislator. Finally, the bill permits the corporation to employ staff to perform administrative services for the corporation.

Assembly Bill 262 adds the secretary of corrections, the secretary of workforce development, and two additional public members to the CANPB. The bill also eliminates the requirements that one public member be an adult who was the victim of abuse or neglect as a child and that one public member be a parent who formerly abused or neglected his or her child and instead requires that all public members be appointed on the basis of expertise, experience, leadership, or advocacy in the prevention of abuse or neglect.

The bill eliminates grants for "right from the start projects" and changes the term "early childhood family education center" to "family resource center." The bill also permits the CANPB to provide technical assistance to an organization to which the CANPB awards a grant, eliminates a cap of \$30,000 on the amount that may be awarded for a prevention program, increases from \$75,000 to not more than \$150,000 the amount allocated in each fiscal year for family resource center grants in Milwaukee County, permits duplicate birth certificate moneys to be expended for statewide projects, and permits the CANPB to provide child abuse and neglect information and services on a statewide basis.

Finally, the bill requires an organization that applies for a grant from the CANPB to include proof in its grant application that the organization has the cultural competency (defined as the ability to understand and act respectfully toward the beliefs, interpersonal styles, attitudes, and behaviors of persons and families of various cultures) to provide services to persons and families in the various cultures in the organization's target population and has the ability to maximize the coordination of services and minimize the duplication of services by coordinating with other organizations, to provide programs that identify and build on a family's strengths to encourage the development of a healthy family, to provide culturally competent services, and to provide community based services through its program.

AMENDMENTS

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 262 offered by the Joint Committee on Finance [adopted 16-0] makes technical changes to the appropriation language and effective dates in the bill. The amendment states that the Board, in accordance with the appropriation plan, shall provide technical assistance to organizations and shall provide child abuse and neglect prevention information and services on a statewide basis.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal estimate prepared by the Children's Trust Fund indicates that AB 262 would have no fiscal effect on state or local government. The interest generated from the Celebrate Children Foundation's endowment would provide increased financial support for child abuse and neglect prevention efforts in Wisconsin.

A fiscal estimate prepared by the Department of Transportation indicates that AB 262 would have no fiscal impact or impact on the Department if the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board does not redesign the Celebrate Children license plate. If the Board requests a redesign of the plate, DOT estimates a one-time cost of \$22,000; \$7,200 for the plate redesign and \$14,800 to replace existing inventory of Celebrate Children plates.

A fiscal estimate prepared by the Department of Corrections indicates that AB 262 would have no state or local government costs, or impact on the Department.

A fiscal estimate prepared by the Department of Workforce Development indicates that AB 262 would have no state fiscal effect, or local government costs.

PROS

1. AB 262 strengthens the Celebrate Children Foundation (already established in statute) by utilizing the special "Celebrate Children" license plate revenue as an endowment base in order to enhance child abuse and neglect prevention efforts in Wisconsin.
2. This legislation expands the membership of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to gain input from the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, the Secretary of Workforce Development, and two additional public members with expertise, and experience in child abuse and neglect prevention.
3. AB 262 expands the membership of the Celebrate Children Foundation Board by four members elected by the CANPB, and removes the requirement that a legislator serve on the Foundation Board to avoid any potential conflict of interest.
4. This legislation updates the Children's Trust Fund statutes to reflect the current mission and activities of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board and the Celebrate Children Foundation.

CONS

1. Finding the financial resources to employ staff to perform administrative duties at the Celebrate Children Foundation could be difficult in the current fiscal environment, should the CANPB pursue that option as allowed under the bill.

SUPPORTERS

Representative Steve Kestell, author; Senator Luther Olsen, lead co-sponsor; Mary Anne Snyder, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund; Senator Mark Miller, 16th Senate District; JoAnna Richard, Department of Workforce Development; and Jennifer Kammerud, Department of Public Instruction.

OPPOSITION

No one testified or registered against Assembly Bill 262.

HISTORY

AB 262 was introduced on March 18, 2005, and referred to the Assembly Committee on Children and Families. A public hearing was held on April 28, 2005. On May 12, 2005, the Committee voted 6-1-1 (Rep. Albers no, Rep. Grigsby absent) to recommend passage of AB 262. On May 24, 2005, AB 262 was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance. On September 21, 2005, the Committee voted 16-0 to recommend passage of AB 262 as amended.