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## Shovers, Marc

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**From:** Matthews, Pam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2007 3:49 PM  
**To:** Shovers, Marc  
**Subject:** Drafting Request

Dear Marc,

Sue wants to have a bill drafted that would create an individual income tax check-off that would provide additional funding to the DCFS Scholarship Program for former foster youth. Checking this box would reduce the amount of someone's refund. The following is some information on the DCFS Scholarship Program

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DCFS awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 for youth who have been in out-of-home care and are entering a degree, license, or certificate program. The scholarship awards may be used for tuition, fees, and books for youth that have been approved to attend an accredited post-secondary education or training institution.

### **DCFS Scholarship Process:**

- Youth must complete a scholarship application which can be obtained from county Independent Living Coordinators, case managers, school counselors, post-secondary institutions or from the Department of Health and Family Services website.
- Youth apply for scholarships every semester, in order to show they are in good academic standing (average 2.0 GPA) and are making significant progress towards school completion. Awards are given on a first-come, first-served basis, until funding is depleted.
- Applications and accompanying documentation are submitted to the DCFS Independent Living Coordinator (IL) for review and award determinations.
- The DCFS IL Coordinator verifies each applicant's eligibility criteria/information, through contact with the county's IL Coordinator.
- The amount of the awards for qualified youth are based on: 1) the cost of tuition, books and fees for the semester indicated; and 2) the amount youth receive in other forms of financial assistance (i.e. loans, Federal/local financial aid awards, ETV funding, etc).
- Once approved, DCFS notifies the youth receiving the scholarships, the county IL Coordinators, and the respective post-secondary institutions.
- Educational institutions set up third-party billing systems, so that awards may be given directly to the institution to utilize for tuition, books and fees.

Please let me know what other information you need to draft a bill.

Thanks,

Pam

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# Independent Living for Children in Out-of-Home Care Scholarship Program

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The DCFS Scholarship Program provides scholarships for post secondary education and training programs for youth presently or formerly in out-of-home care. The scholarship program is administered by the Division of Children and Family Services and is funded by the Federal Education and Training Vouchers (ETV) Program, a federally funded initiative under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act.

Each applicant must complete the DCFS Scholarship Application for Youth in Out-of-Home Care ([CFS-2197](#)). Eligibility for the program and instructions for completion and submission of the application are contained within the form. Also contained in the form is the name and contact information for Division staff who can help you with any questions you may have about the scholarship program.

DCFS has limited funding for the scholarship program; therefore, applicants are urged to submit their applications early. If there are more applicants than funding, scholarships will be awarded in the order that completed applications are received.

School counselors, librarians and the Internet are great resources for identifying scholarships, grants and loans. We recommend utilizing web sites that offer information free-of-charge.

There are a number of Web sites that provide a good overview of available funding and linkages to other sites.

- [Education & Scholarship Resources](#)

## Contact Information

Last Revised: May 10, 2005

## DCFS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR YOUTH IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

**Use of form:** The Division of Children and Family Services Scholarship Program awards scholarships up to \$5,000 for youth who have been in out-of-home care and are entering a degree, license or certificate program.

### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a DCFS Scholarship award, the applicant must:

- Have been in out-of-home care (OHC) placement (foster home, group home, residential care center or court ordered Kinship Care) for at least six months after the age of 15; or
- Have been in out-of-home care for at least six months and adopted after the age of 15.
- Have been in OHC placement in Wisconsin as described above, or
- Have been in OHC placement in another state but has become a resident of Wisconsin prior to attending a Wisconsin post-secondary institution.
- Be accepted into an institution of higher education (i.e., college, vocational or technical program) at the time the application is submitted.
- Be age 20 or less, unless enrolled in a post-secondary program on his / her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, extending eligibility to age 23.

The funds for all scholarships **will be paid directly to the institution for the exact amount of the tuition, fees and books.** These funds may not be used for outreach, enrichment, special student programs or any other program participation costs. Unused funds will be returned to the DCFS.

Personal information collected on this form, including Social Security Number, will be used for school payment purposes only.

**Instructions:** This form must be fully completed for scholarship consideration. Incomplete forms will be returned to the youth. A new form must be completed for each award requested. The following documents are required:

- A fully completed DCFS application form, and
- For first time applicants, a copy of the acceptance letter from the institution of higher education, or
- For applicants previously receiving this scholarship award, proof of successful completion of the prior semester. Applicants must include a copy of grades and / or college credits earned during the period in which this scholarship was received.
- For applicants 21 years old, proof that you were enrolled and attending college when you turned 21.

### Send completed application to:

Foster care youth from Milwaukee County

Mary L. Kennedy, Program Coordinator  
 Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare  
 1555 N. Rivercenter Drive, Suite 220  
 Milwaukee, WI 53212  
 Telephone Number: (414) 220-7035  
 E-mail: [Kenneml@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:Kenneml@dhfs.state.wi.us)  
 Fax Number: (414) 220-7062

Foster care youth from counties and tribes outside of Milwaukee County

Christine Lenske, Independent Living Coordinator  
 DHFS / DCFS / BPP  
 P.O. Box 8916  
 Madison, WI 53708-8916  
 Telephone Number: (608) 267-7287  
 E-mail: [lenskca@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:lenskca@dhfs.state.wi.us)  
 Fax Number: (608) 264-6750

Name – Applicant (Last, First, MI)		Social Security Number	Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Current Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)			Telephone Number	
Hispanic / Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Race (Check all that apply)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Last Grade Completed		Date of Completion (mm/dd/yyyy)		

Name – Last School Attended	Location of Last School Attended (City, State)
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**SEND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO:**

Name – College or Technical / Vocational School	Telephone Number – Business Office
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Current Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Date of Enrollment	Major Field / Training Area	Scholarship Amount Requested \$
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College or Technical / Vocational School Costs for Semester / Period From – _____ To – _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) (mm/dd/yyyy)	College or Technical / Vocational School Costs for Semester / Period Tuition and Fees: \$ _____ Books: \$ _____ Total Cost: \$ _____
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Other Financial Resources Applied for or Receiving (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Study \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust Fund / Savings \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Grants \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Loans \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Support \$ _____

Additional funding for costs associated with post-secondary education or training up to \$5,000 per year may be available through your local Department of Human or Social Services. For more information, contact the Independent Living Coordinator in your county or tribe.

County of Most Recent Out-of-Home Care Placement	Name – County Social Worker or Independent Living Coordinator
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Total Number of Years / Months in Out-of-Home Care

Name – Person Assisting with Application (if applicable)	Telephone Number
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Yes  No I understand that continued eligibility for the DCFS Scholarship Program is dependent upon satisfactory performance. I also understand that I may be required to submit proof of performance for subsequent applications and awards.

Yes  No I agree that the Division of Children and Family Services may use my name in publicity efforts. (If applicant does not agree, this will not effect applicant's eligibility for this scholarship.)

<b>SIGNATURE</b> – Applicant	Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)
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*This scholarship program is made available through the Federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, Education and Training Vouchers Program. Scholarships are awarded by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Children and Family Services.*

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# 2007 ~~SENATE~~ BILL 192

May 25, 2007 - Introduced by Senators SULLIVAN, S. FITZGERALD, COGGS, CARPENTER, PLALE, ROESSLER, ERPENBACH, SCHULTZ, HANSEN, LASSA and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, MOLEPSKE, TOWNSEND, SHERMAN, PETROWSKI, BOYLE, BIES, TURNER, HUBLER, PRIDEMORE, KREUSER, OWENS, RICHARDS, GUNDERSON, GRIGSBY, WOOD, ZEPNICK, ALBERS, HRAYCHUCK, MURTHA, FIELDS, HAHN, HEBL, KLEEFISCH, BERCEAU, BALLWEG, JORGENSEN, NASS, VAN AKKEREN, MURSAU, SEIDEL, JESKEWITZ, SHILLING, A. OTT, VRUWINK, HINES, SOLETSKI, NELSON, HIXSON, TRAVIS, SHERIDAN, SINICKI, STASKUNAS, KRUSICK and GARTHWAITE. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology and Financial Institutions.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 20.566 (1) (hp); and *to create* 20.465 (2) (r), 21.22, 25.17 (1)  
2 (jx), 25.38 and 71.10 (5i) of the statutes; **relating to:** *providing financial aid to*  
3 *military families*, creating an individual income tax checkoff for the *military*  
4 *family relief fund, foster youth scholarship*, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures,  
5 *granting rule-making authority* and making *an* appropriation.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an individual income tax check-off procedure exists that allows an individual who files a return to designate any amount of additional payment or any amount of a refund due for the endangered resources program. Similar checkoffs exist to provide payments to several other programs, including a veterans trust fund, prostate cancer research, multiple sclerosis programs, a fire fighters memorial, and a breast cancer research program, and to provide a donation to a professional football stadium district. This bill creates a similar income tax checkoff for designations to the *military family relief fund*.

Under the bill, an individual who has an income tax liability, is due a refund, or is required to file a return may designate any amount of additional payment, or any amount of a refund due, to the *military family relief fund* on his or her income tax return. If an individual's designation exceeds the amount of his or her refund, he or she must include a check with his or her tax return for the difference between the amount of the designation and the amount of the refund. If an individual who makes a contribution has a tax liability or has no tax liability and is due no refund,

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he or she must include a check for the amount of the designation with his or her tax return.

The bill requires that an amount equal to the total amount of designations received, less the total cost of administering the income tax check-off procedure, be deposited in the military family relief fund. The bill requires the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to use the money from the military family relief fund to provide financial aid to the immediate family of members of the national guard or reservists who are serving in active duty in the U.S. armed forces. DMA is required to promulgate rules establishing eligibility criteria and the amount of the financial aid.

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:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.465 (2) (r) of the statutes is created to read:

20.465 (2) (r) *Military family relief.* All moneys received from the military family relief fund for the payment of financial aid to military families under s. 21.22 and for all of the administrative costs that the department incurs in making those payments.

**SECTION 2.** 20.566 (1) (hp) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.566 (1) (hp) *Administration of endangered resources; professional football district; breast cancer research; fire fighters memorial; veterans trust fund; multiple sclerosis programs; prostate cancer research* income tax checkoff *voluntary payments.*

The amounts in the schedule for the payment of all administrative costs, including data processing costs, incurred in administering ss. 71.10 (5), (5e), (5f), (5fm), (5g), (5h), (5i), and (5m), and 71.30 (10). All moneys specified for deposit in this appropriation under ss. 71.10 (5) (h) 5., (5e) (h) 4., (5f) (i), (5fm) (i), (5g) (i), (5h) (i), (5i) (i), and (5m) (i), and 71.30 (10) (i) and (11) (i) shall be credited to this appropriation.

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1 SECTION 3. 21.22 of the statutes is created to read:

2 21.22 Military family financial aid. (1) In this section:

3 (a) "Immediate family" means the spouse and dependent children of a service  
4 member who are residents of this state.

5 (b) "Service member" means a member of a reserve unit of the U.S. armed forces  
6 or of the national guard who is a resident of this state and who is serving on active  
7 duty in the U.S. armed forces.

8 (2) The department of military affairs shall provide financial aid to eligible  
9 members of the immediate family of service members. The department of military  
10 affairs shall promulgate rules establishing eligibility criteria and the amount of  
11 financial aid.

12 SECTION 4. 25.17 (1) (jx) of the statutes is created to read:

13 25.17 (1) (jx) Military family relief fund (s. 25.38);

14 SECTION 5. 25.38 of the statutes is created to read:

15 25.38 Military family relief fund. There is established a separate  
16 nonlapsible trust fund designated as the military family relief fund. The fund shall  
17 consist of money deposited in the fund under s. 71.10 (5i) (i), together with all  
18 donations, gifts, or bequests made to the fund.

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19 SECTION 6. 71.10 (5i) of the statutes is created to read:

20 71.10 (5i) ~~MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND CHECKOFF~~ (CS) → Foster youth scholarship ✓  
21 subsection: (a) Definitions. In this

22 1. "Department" means the department of revenue.

23 2. "Military family relief fund" means the fund under s. 25.38.

24 (b) Voluntary payments. 1. 'Designation on return.' Every individual filing an  
25 income tax return who has a tax liability or is entitled to a tax refund may designate

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1 on the return any amount of additional payment or any amount of a refund due that  
2 individual for the ~~military family relief~~ fund.

3 2. 'Designation added to tax owed.' If the individual owes any tax, the  
4 individual shall remit in full the tax due and the amount designated on the return  
5 for the ~~military family relief~~ fund when the individual files a tax return.

6 3. 'Designation deducted from refund.' Except as provided in par. (d), if the  
7 individual is owed a refund for that year after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80  
8 (3) and (3m), the department shall deduct the amount designated on the return for  
9 the ~~military family relief~~ fund from the amount of the refund.

10 (c) *Errors; failure to remit correct amount.* If an individual who owes taxes fails  
11 to remit an amount equal to or in excess of the total of the actual tax due, after error  
12 corrections, and the amount designated on the return for the ~~military family relief~~  
13 fund:

14 1. The department shall reduce the designation for the ~~military family relief~~  
15 fund to reflect the amount remitted in excess of the actual tax due, after error  
16 corrections, if the individual remitted an amount in excess of the actual tax due, after  
17 error corrections, but less than the total of the actual tax due, after error corrections,  
18 and the amount originally designated on the return for the ~~military family relief~~  
19 fund.

20 2. The designation for the ~~military family relief~~ fund is void if the individual  
21 remitted an amount equal to or less than the actual tax due, after error corrections.

22 (d) *Errors; insufficient refund.* If an individual is owed a refund that does not  
23 equal or exceed the amount designated on the return for the ~~military family relief~~  
24 fund, after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80 (3) and (3m) and after error  
25 corrections, the department shall reduce the designation for the ~~military family~~

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1 relief fund to reflect the actual amount of the refund that the individual is otherwise  
2 owed, after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80 (3) and (3m) and after error  
3 corrections.

4 (e) *Conditions.* If an individual places any conditions on a designation for the  
5 ~~military family relief~~ fund, the designation is void.

6 (f) *Void designation.* If a designation for the ~~military family relief~~ fund is void,  
7 the department shall disregard the designation and determine amounts due, owed,  
8 refunded, and received without regard to the void designation. ✓

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9 (g) *Tax return.* The secretary of revenue shall provide a place for the  
10 designations under this subsection on the individual income tax return.

11 (h) *Certification of amounts.* Annually, on or before September 15, the  
12 secretary of revenue shall certify to the department of ~~military affairs~~, the  
13 department of administration, and the state treasurer all of the following:

14 1. The total amount of the administrative costs, including data processing  
15 costs, incurred by the department in administering this subsection during the  
16 previous fiscal year.

17 2. The total amount received from all designations for the ~~military family relief~~ fund  
18 made by taxpayers during the previous fiscal year. ✓

19 3. The net amount remaining after the administrative costs, including data  
20 processing costs, under subd. 1. are subtracted from the total received under subd.

21 2.

22 (i) *Appropriations.* From the moneys received from designations for the  
23 ~~military family relief~~ fund, an amount equal to the sum of administrative expenses,  
24 including data processing costs, certified under par. (h) 1. shall be deposited in the  
25 general fund and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.566 (1) (hp), and



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**SECTION 6**

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1 the net amount remaining that is certified under par. (h) 3. shall be deposited in the  
2 military family relief fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.465(2)(a).

3 (j) *Amounts subject to refund.* Amounts designated for the military family relief  
4 fund under this subsection are not subject to refund to the taxpayer unless the  
5 taxpayer submits information to the satisfaction of the department, within 18  
6 months after the date on which the taxes are due or the date on which the return is  
7 filed, whichever is later, that the amount designated is clearly in error. Any refund  
8 granted by the department under this paragraph shall be deducted from the moneys  
9 received under this subsection in the fiscal year for which the refund is certified.

**SECTION 7. Nonstatutory provisions.**

11 (1) EMERGENCY RULE. Using the procedure under section 227.24 of the statutes,  
12 the department of military affairs shall promulgate the rules described under section  
13 21.22(2) of the statutes, as created by this act, for the period before the permanent  
14 rules become effective, but not to exceed the period authorized under section 227.24  
15 (1) (c) and (2) of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3)  
16 of the statutes, the department of military affairs is not required to provide evidence  
17 that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for  
18 the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to  
19 provide a finding of emergency for the rules promulgated under this subsection.

**SECTION 8. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) The treatment of section 71.10 (5i) of the statutes first applies to taxable  
22 years beginning on January 1 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except  
23 that if this subsection takes effect after July 31 the treatment of section 71.10 (5i) of

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1 the statutes first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year  
2 following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

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**SECTION 1.** 20.435 (3) (r) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (3) (r) *Foster youth scholarship fund*. From the foster youth scholarship fund, all moneys deposited in that fund under s. 71.10 (5i) (i) and all moneys received as contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests for that fund under s. 46.999 (4) for foster youth scholarships under s. 46.999 (2).

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**SECTION 2.** 25.17 (1) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

25.17 (1) (f) *Foster youth scholarship fund* (s. 25.66);

**SECTION 3.** 25.66 of the statutes is created to read:

**25.66 Foster youth scholarship fund.** There is established a foster youth scholarship fund, consisting of all moneys deposited in that fund under s. 71.10 (5i) (i) and all moneys received for that fund under s. 46.999 (4).

**SECTION 4.** 46.999 of the statutes is created to read:

**46.999 Foster youth scholarships.** (1) DEFINITION. In this section, "foster youth" means a resident of this state under 20 years of age or, if enrolled in a program described in sub. (2) on his or her 21st birthday, under 23 years of age who meets any of the following qualifications:

(a) Has lived in a foster home, treatment foster home, group home, residential care center for children and youth, or subsidized guardianship home, or has lived in the home of a kinship care relative or long-term kinship care relative under a court order, for not less than 6 months after attaining the age of 15 years.

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(b) Has lived in a placement described in par. (a) for not less than 6 months before attaining the age of 15 years and was adopted after attaining that age.

(2) AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS. From the appropriation account under s. 20.435

(3) (r), the department shall award scholarships to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for foster youths enrolled in any program provided by an accredited, nonprofit public or private institution of higher education or by a school approved under s. 38.50 that leads to a degree, diploma, license, or certificate and that has an occupational, vocational, or educational objective. Scholarships under this subsection shall be awarded on the basis of financial need, as determined by the department. The maximum amount of a scholarship under this subsection may not exceed \$5,000 per academic year.

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under sub. (2) by completing an application form prescribed by the department and providing such additional information as the department may require. An initial applicant shall provide a letter of acceptance from the institution of higher education or school in which the applicant will enroll. An applicant who has previously been awarded a scholarship shall provide proof that the applicant is in good academic standing at the institution of higher education or school in which he or she is enrolled and is making satisfactory progress in the program in which he or she is enrolled. An applicant 21 years of age or over shall provide proof that the applicant was enrolled in a program described in sub. (2) on his or her 21st birthday.

(4) SOLICITATION OF FUNDING. The department may solicit and accept

contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests for the foster youth scholarship fund under s. 25.66. Moneys received under this subsection shall be deposited in that fund,



\* credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (3) (r), and used to award scholarships under sub. (2) \*

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25, which is a fund established under the bill for the purpose of awarding scholarships to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for foster youths, as defined in the bill, enrolled in certain postsecondary educational programs.

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The bill requires that an amount equal to the total amount of designations received, less the total cost of administering the income tax check-off procedure, be deposited in the foster youth scholarship fund. The bill requires the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) to use the money from the foster youth scholarship fund to award scholarships to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for foster youths enrolled in any program provided by an accredited, nonprofit public or private institution of higher education or by a private trade, correspondence, business or technical school that leads to a degree, diploma, license, or certificate and that has an occupational, vocational, or educational objective. The maximum amount of a scholarship is \$5,000 per academic year. \*

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## Malaise, Gordon

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**From:** Matthews, Pam  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2007 9:30 AM  
**To:** Malaise, Gordon  
**Subject:** LRB 2993/1

**Attachments:** Jeskewitz scholarship response Memo 9-5-07.doc

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Jeskewitz  
scholarship response.

Thanks,

Pam  
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Jim Doyle  
GovernorKevin R. Hayden  
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Department of Health and Family Services

TO: Rep. Sue Jeskewitz

FROM: Katie Plona,  
DHFS Legislative Liaison

DATE: September 5, 2007

RE: Bill Draft LRB 2993/1

The Department of Health and Family Services/Division of Children and Family Services (DHFS/DCFS) is pleased to provide input on bill draft LRB 2993/1 amending Wisconsin State Statute 20.566, allowing for the designation of income tax refunds for a foster youth scholarship fund with the intention of defraying costs foster youth incur for post secondary education.

In recent years, the Department has sought to publicize the federally funded Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program that DHFS administers and make it more accessible to foster youth. There has been a corresponding increase in the federally funded ETV scholarship applications from eligible youth. The Department hopes this increase in foster youth pursuing education after high school will continue and would welcome a new source of scholarship funds to address growing demand.

Listed below are DHFS' thoughts and recommendations after reviewing LRB 2993/1. Most of these suggestions come from DCFS' experience administering the ETV program.

1. DHFS would like to see eligibility extended up to age 25 in the scholarship program funded with revenues from donations from Wisconsin's taxpayers or until each youth completes his or her course of study (not to exceed age 25). Studies have repeatedly shown that former foster youth are older than mainstream youth when they graduate from high school, show evidence of delayed entry into college after high school graduation, and do not complete college within the traditional time frame of 4-5 years. Expanding eligibility to age 25 will allow youth, who often require greater stabilization after leaving care, the flexibility to complete their postsecondary education.

While the ETV program terminates eligibility for youth at age 21 or 23 (providing the youth was previously participating in the ETV Program, prior to, and on the date of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday), it has become increasingly apparent that this is not enough time for former foster youth to complete a postsecondary curriculum. Typically, youth who have exited

the foster care system must work full-time; secure and maintain housing; and provide themselves with food, transportation and medical care; all with little or no outside support. Expanding eligibility to age 25 will enable former foster care youth to continue receiving financial support for post-secondary education when they are no longer eligible for federal ETV assistance.

2. Currently, federal ETV requirements require youth to have participated in ETV prior to, and on the date of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, in order to remain eligible for federally funded ETV scholarships up to age 23. DHFS would like to remove this requirement for the Wisconsin funded scholarship, as ongoing inconsistencies in the interpretation make it difficult to determine eligibility on a consistent basis regarding questions such as: 1) Are youth who have a birthday in the summer months (and are not participating in summer school) no longer eligible for scholarship funding?; and 2) What happens to youth who were successfully participating in the program for a number of years, but for reasons beyond their control were unable to take courses on their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday?

The Department recommends that qualifications be based on a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 up to age 25 and that youth remain eligible for scholarships regardless of how far along they are in the postsecondary educational process or whether they have received the scholarship in the past. Below are some suggested language changes:

### **Section 5**

#### **46.999 Foster youth scholarships.**

(1) DEFINITION. In this section, "foster youth" means a resident of this state ~~under 20~~ under 25 years of age ~~or; if enrolled in a program described in sub. (2) on his or her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, under 23 years of age~~ who meets any of the following qualifications:

~~(3) line 15: An applicant 21 years of age or over shall provide proof that the applicant was enrolled in a program described in sub. (2) on his or her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.~~

3. Regarding Section 5 (2), it is unclear how determination of "financial need" would occur. It is safe to say that these youth, based on the pure nature of their situation, have extensive financial need. This is supported by the fact that the federal government has not limited participation in the Education and Training Voucher program to financial need and has recently expanded the option to adopted youth to claim an "independent status" on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Department prefers that determination of financial need be removed from the language of the bill.

**\*\*Note:** The Department will research options on how to best administer a Wisconsin scholarship fund if the bill moves forward. This bill may have an impact on the Department's organization or staffing. If you decide to maintain the provision in the draft that requires scholarships be awarded based on financial need, it will increase the amount of information being processed and may require one additional staff position.



Thank you again for sharing LRB 2993/1 with the Department. We greatly appreciate your commitment and interest to assist youth who age out of out-of-home care in Wisconsin. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact me at 266-3262.

## Malaise, Gordon

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**From:** Matthews, Pam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2007 2:15 PM  
**To:** Malaise, Gordon  
**Subject:** RE: LRB 2993/1

Hi Gordon - we won't have any additional changes other than what I sent you on 9/20. If you have any questions about those changes please let me know.

Thanks,

Pam

-----Original Message-----

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1 AN ACT *to amend* 20.566 (1) (hp); and *to create* 20.435 (3) (r), 25.17 (1) (f), 25.66,  
2 46.999 and 71.10 (5i) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating an individual income  
3 tax checkoff for the foster youth scholarship fund and making appropriations.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, an individual income tax check-off procedure exists that allows an individual who files a return to designate any amount of additional payment or any amount of a refund due for the endangered resources program. Similar checkoffs exist to provide payments to several other programs, including a veterans trust fund, prostate cancer research, multiple sclerosis programs, a fire fighters memorial, and a breast cancer research program, and to provide a donation to a professional football stadium district. This bill creates a similar income tax checkoff for designations to the foster youth scholarship fund, which is a fund established under the bill for the purpose of awarding scholarships to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for foster youths, as defined in the bill, enrolled in certain postsecondary educational programs.

Under the bill, an individual who has an income tax liability, is due a refund, or is required to file a return may designate any amount of additional payment, or any amount of a refund due, to the foster youth scholarship fund on his or her income tax return. If an individual's designation exceeds the amount of his or her refund, he or she must include a check with his or her tax return for the difference between the amount of the designation and the amount of the refund. If an individual who makes a contribution has a tax liability or has no tax liability and is due no refund,

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he or she must include a check for the amount of the designation with his or her tax return.

The bill requires that an amount equal to the total amount of designations received, less the total cost of administrating the income tax check-off procedure, be deposited in the foster youth scholarship fund. The bill requires the Department of Health and Family Services to use the money from the foster youth scholarship fund to award scholarships to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for foster youths enrolled in any program provided by an accredited, nonprofit public or private institution of higher education or by a private trade, correspondence, business or technical school that leads to a degree, diploma, license, or certificate and that has an occupational, vocational, or educational objective. The maximum amount of a scholarship is \$5,000 per academic year.

The bill defines "foster youth" as a resident of this state under ~~20~~<sup>25</sup> years of age ~~or, if enrolled in an eligible program on his or her 21st birthday, under 23~~ years of age who: 1) has lived in a foster home, treatment foster home, group home, residential care center for children and youth, or subsidized guardianship home or has lived in the home of a kinship care relative or long-term kinship care relative under a court order (out-of-home placement) for not less than ~~6~~<sup>six</sup> months after attaining the age of 15 years; or 2) has lived in an out-of-home placement for not less than ~~6~~<sup>six</sup> months before attaining the age of 15 years and was adopted after attaining that age. \*

For further information see the <sup>v</sup>state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (3) (r) <sup>v</sup> of the statutes is created to read:

2           20.435 (3) (r) *Foster youth scholarship fund.* From the foster youth scholarship  
3 fund, all moneys deposited in that fund under s. 71.10 (5i) (i) and all moneys received  
4 as contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests for that fund under s. 46.999 (4) for  
5 foster youth scholarships under s. 46.999 (2).

6           **SECTION 2.** 20.566 (1) (hp) <sup>v</sup> of the statutes is amended to read:

7           20.566 (1) (hp) *Administration of endangered resources; professional football*  
8 *district; breast cancer research; fire fighters memorial; veterans trust fund; multiple*  
9 *sclerosis programs; prostate cancer research* income tax checkoff *voluntary payments.*

10          The amounts in the schedule for the payment of all administrative costs, including

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1 data processing costs, incurred in administering ss. 71.10 (5), (5e), (5f), (5fm), (5g),  
2 (5h), (5i), and (5m), and 71.30 (10). All moneys specified for deposit in this  
3 appropriation under ss. 71.10 (5) (h) 5., (5e) (h) 4., (5f) (i), (5fm) (i), (5g) (i), (5h) (i),  
4 (5i) (i), and (5m) (i), and 71.30 (10) (i) and (11) (i) shall be credited to this  
5 appropriation.

6 **SECTION 3.** 25.17 (1) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

7 25.17 (1) (f) Foster youth scholarship fund (s. 25.66);

8 **SECTION 4.** 25.66 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **25.66 Foster youth scholarship fund.** There is established a foster youth  
10 scholarship fund, consisting of all moneys deposited in that fund under s. 71.10 (5i)  
11 (i) and all moneys received for that fund under s. 46.999 (4).

12 **SECTION 5.** 46.999 of the statutes is created to read:

13 **46.999 Foster youth scholarships. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section, "foster  
14 youth" means a resident of this state under ~~20~~ years of age or, if enrolled in a program  
15 ~~described in sub. (2) on his or her 21st birthday, under 23~~ years of age who meets any  
16 of the following qualifications:

17 (a) Has lived in a foster home, treatment foster home, group home, residential  
18 care center for children and youth, or subsidized guardianship home, or has lived in  
19 the home of a kinship care relative or long-term kinship care relative under a court  
20 order, for not less than 6 months after attaining the age of 15 years.

21 (b) Has lived in a placement described in par. (a) for not less than 6 months  
22 before attaining the age of 15 years and was adopted after attaining that age.

23 **(2) AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS.** From the appropriation account under s. 20.435  
24 (3) (r), the department shall award scholarships to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and  
25 expenses for foster youths enrolled in any program provided by an accredited,

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2 under s. 38.50 that leads to a degree, diploma, license, or certificate and that has an  
3 occupational, vocational, or educational objective. ~~Scholarships under this~~  
4 ~~subsection shall be awarded on the basis of financial need, as determined by the~~  
5 ~~department.~~ The maximum amount of a scholarship under subsection may not  
6 exceed \$5,000 per academic year. *has a cumulative grade point average of 2.0*  
*or the equivalent as determined by*

7 (3) APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP. A foster youth may apply for a scholarship  
8 under sub. (2) by completing an application form prescribed by the department and  
9 providing such additional information as the department may require. An initial  
10 applicant shall provide a letter of acceptance from the institution of higher education  
11 or school in which the applicant will enroll. An applicant who has previously been  
12 awarded a scholarship shall provide proof that the applicant ~~is in good academic~~  
13 ~~standing at the institution of higher education or school in which he or she is enrolled~~  
14 and is making satisfactory progress in the program in which he or she is enrolled.

15 ~~An applicant 21 years of age or over shall provide proof that the applicant was~~  
16 ~~enrolled in a program described in sub. (2) on his or her 21st birthday.~~

17 (4) SOLICITATION OF FUNDING. The department may solicit and accept  
18 contributions, gifts, grants, and bequests for the foster youth scholarship fund under  
19 s. 25.66. Moneys received under this subsection shall be deposited in that fund,  
20 credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (3) (r), and used to award  
21 scholarships under sub. (2).

22 SECTION 6. 71.10 (5i) <sup>x</sup> of the statutes is created to read:

23 71.10 (5i) FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND CHECKOFF. (a) *Definitions.* In this  
24 subsection:

25 1. "Department" means the department of revenue.

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1           2. "Foster youth scholarship fund" means the fund under s. 25.66.

2           (b) *Voluntary payments.* 1. 'Designation on return.' Every individual filing an  
3 income tax return who has a tax liability or is entitled to a tax refund may designate  
4 on the return any amount of additional payment or any amount of a refund due that  
5 individual for the foster youth scholarship fund.

6           2. 'Designation added to tax owed.' If the individual owes any tax, the  
7 individual shall remit in full the tax due and the amount designated on the return  
8 for the foster youth scholarship fund when the individual files a tax return.

9           3. 'Designation deducted from refund.' Except as provided in par. (d), if the  
10 individual is owed a refund for that year after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80  
11 (3) and (3m), the department shall deduct the amount designated on the return for  
12 the foster youth scholarship fund from the amount of the refund.

13           (c) *Errors; failure to remit correct amount.* If an individual who owes taxes fails  
14 to remit an amount equal to or in excess of the total of the actual tax due, after error  
15 corrections, and the amount designated on the return for the foster youth scholarship  
16 fund:

17           1. The department shall reduce the designation for the foster youth scholarship  
18 fund to reflect the amount remitted in excess of the actual tax due, after error  
19 corrections, if the individual remitted an amount in excess of the actual tax due, after  
20 error corrections, but less than the total of the actual tax due, after error corrections,  
21 and the amount originally designated on the return for the foster youth scholarship  
22 fund.

23           2. The designation for the foster youth scholarship fund is void if the individual  
24 remitted an amount equal to or less than the actual tax due, after error corrections.

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1 (d) *Errors; insufficient refund.* If an individual is owed a refund that does not  
2 equal or exceed the amount designated on the return for the foster youth scholarship  
3 fund, after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80 (3) and (3m) and after error  
4 corrections, the department shall reduce the designation for the foster youth  
5 scholarship fund to reflect the actual amount of the refund that the individual is  
6 otherwise owed, after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80 (3) and (3m) and after  
7 error corrections.

8 (e) *Conditions.* If an individual places any conditions on a designation for the  
9 foster youth scholarship fund, the designation is void.

10 (f) *Void designation.* If a designation for the foster youth scholarship fund is  
11 void, the department shall disregard the designation and determine amounts due,  
12 owed, refunded, and received without regard to the void designation.

13 (g) *Tax return.* The secretary of revenue shall provide a place for the  
14 designations under this subsection on the individual income tax return.

15 (h) *Certification of amounts.* Annually, on or before September 15, the  
16 secretary of revenue shall certify to the department of health and family services, the  
17 department of administration, and the state treasurer all of the following:

18 1. The total amount of the administrative costs, including data processing  
19 costs, incurred by the department in administering this subsection during the  
20 previous fiscal year.

21 2. The total amount received from all designations for the foster youth  
22 scholarship fund made by taxpayers during the previous fiscal year.

23 3. The net amount remaining after the administrative costs, including data  
24 processing costs, under subd. 1. are subtracted from the total received under subd.

25 2.



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1 (i) *Appropriations.* From the moneys received from designations for the foster  
2 youth scholarship fund, an amount equal to the sum of administrative expenses,  
3 including data processing costs, certified under par. (h) 1. shall be deposited in the  
4 general fund and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.566 (1) (hp), and  
5 the net amount remaining that is certified under par. (h) 3. shall be deposited in the  
6 foster youth scholarship fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.435 (3)  
7 (r).

8 (j) *Amounts subject to refund.* Amounts designated for the foster youth  
9 scholarship fund under this subsection are not subject to refund to the taxpayer  
10 unless the taxpayer submits information to the satisfaction of the department,  
11 within 18 months after the date on which the taxes are due or the date on which the  
12 return is filed, whichever is later, that the amount designated is clearly in error. Any  
13 refund granted by the department under this paragraph shall be deducted from the  
14 moneys received under this subsection in the fiscal year for which the refund is  
15 certified.

**SECTION 7. Initial applicability.**

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17 (1) The treatment of section 71.10 (5i) of the statutes first applies to taxable  
18 years beginning on January 1 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except  
19 that if this subsection takes effect after July 31 the treatment of section 71.10 (5i) of  
20 the statutes first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year  
21 following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

22 (END)

**Parisi, Lori**

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**From:** Matthews, Pam  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2007 9:40 AM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 07-2993/2 Topic: Individual income tax checkoff for foster youth scholarship program

Please Jacket LRB 07-2993/2 for the ASSEMBLY.

FE by DHFS -

Release Date

01-11-2008

May Rewrite (DHFS)



check with Pam  
in Jeskowitz  
office before Releasing  
FE Friday.

01-09-08  
(AM)

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12:45

Please call Kelly Starr  
w/ Health + Family Services -

266-3816

wants to "retract" a fiscal  
for 07-2993/2

I have no idea what  
this means?

(she is only at work for  
another hour - please  
call asap)

Lori

DOA - return FE for DHFS

AB - 0573

sent back to FEC 1-9-08  
possible re-write

Mike,

I hope I did the right thing here?  
(DHFS) Kelly Starr called and said they  
wanted to retract the fiscal. She said  
they may not change it but wanted  
more time to go over it.

What else needs to be done?

\* Do we call Jeskewitz's office? ✓

\* Do we pull it from the trickle file? ✓  
(I mean it's out now here but we keep  
it out?)

\* Do we toss it out? ✓

\* Is this retrievable from Jeskewitz's office? ✓

I guess I'd like to know for sure  
what happens next.

Called and  
talked to  
Pam in the Jeskewitz  
office (01-10-2008)  
.... OK with them.

Thanks

Christina

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### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 07-2993/2	<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-0573
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<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>	<b>Authorized Signature</b>
DHFS/ Michael Pancook (608) 266-9364	Andy Forsaith (608) 266-7684
	<b>Date</b>
	1/3/2008

*01-09-2008  
FE returned for possible re-write per Pamin Jeskewitz's office & Kelly Starr at DHFS (before "release")*

*old "original" FE dated 01-03-2008 will remain a part of LRB drafting file*

*only new "original" FE dated 01-14-2008 will be "published" (introduced).*

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHFS 1/3/2008

LRB Number 07-2993/2	Introduction Number AB-0573	Estimate Type Original
<b>Description</b> Creating an individual income tax checkoff for the foster youth scholarship fund and making appropriations		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Several Wisconsin individual income tax check-off designations exist to support programs targeting issues such as endangered resources, prostate cancer, and a veterans' trust fund. AB 573 creates a similar process for a foster youth scholarship. Residents of the state who are under 25 years of age and have lived in an out-of-home care placement under a court order for six months or more after age 15 or have lived in an out-of-home care placement for six months or more prior to age 15 and were adopted after age 15 would be eligible for the scholarship. Recipients of the scholarship could use the funds to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses at an accredited institution of higher learning or private trade, correspondence, business, or technical school.

The Department currently administers a similar scholarship, the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Scholarship Program, which is funded through the federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and is available to applicants between the ages of 18 and 21. While the Department would coordinate its management of the DCFS Scholarship Program and the foster youth scholarship, it would establish a separate application and award determination process for the foster youth scholarship.

Based on the experience of the income tax check-off designation for the Veteran's Trust Fund in tax year 2005, the Department estimates that the foster youth scholarship income tax check-off would generate \$133,500 annually. The establishment of a foster youth scholarship will create ongoing workload costs for the Department. The Department estimates that the workload costs of the foster youth scholarship should be similar to those for the existing DCFS Scholarship Program. The Department currently contracts with Marathon County to provide bookkeeping, fund management, and financial processing services for the DCFS Scholarship Program, paying the county 5 percent of the amount of scholarship funds awarded. A similar arrangement for the foster youth scholarship would cost \$6,400, reducing the annual revenue available for the scholarships within the program to \$127,100. This amount would increase the overall amount of scholarship funding available to former foster youth by 35.5 percent when combined with the DCFS Scholarship Program awards, which totaled \$358,000 in 2006. The increase in scholarship funds would require additional work by Department staff to process applications, determine awards, and communicate with schools, applicants, and award recipients. An increase in workload commensurate with the proportional increase in available scholarship funds would generate \$3,800 in workload costs, which the Department would absorb.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

**FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP COSTS**

**ASSUMPTIONS**

Fringe Rate 0.4622  
 Salary Independent Living Coordinator 25,762  
 Salary BPP Support Staff 23,415

**ON-GOING COSTS**

DCFS Scholarship Workload Staff Person	Hours	Weeks	Total Hours	Average Hourly Salary	Salary	Fringe	Total Cost
Indep. Living Coordinator	Award Period	15	4	25.76	\$ 1,545.72	\$ 714.43	\$ 2,260.15
	Application Period	6	20	25.76	\$ 3,091.44	\$ 1,428.86	\$ 4,520.30
	Remaining Period	2	28	25.76	\$ 1,442.67	\$ 666.80	\$ 2,109.47
BPP Support Staff	Award Period	2	4	23.42	\$ 187.32	\$ 86.58	\$ 273.90
	Application Period	1	20	23.42	\$ 468.30	\$ 216.45	\$ 684.75
	Remaining Period	0.75	28	23.42	\$ 491.72	\$ 227.27	\$ 718.99
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>\$ 10,567.56</b>

**Expected Annual Foster Youth Scholarship Funds**

Expected Revenue Generated \$ 133,500 based on first year of Veteran's Trust Fund check off (Tax Year 05)  
 Processing Costs \$ 6,357 based on Marathon County fee for DCFS Scholarship (5% of funds awarded)  
 Scholarship Funds Awarded \$ 127,143

**Estimated Increased in Workload**

DCFS Scholarship Funds (CY 06) \$ 358,000  
 Expected Foster Youth Revenue \$ 127,143  
 Pct. of Increase in Overall Scholar Funds 35.51%

**Foster Youth Workload Costs**

DCFS Workload Cost \$ 10,568  
 Estimate Increased Workload 35.51%  
**Foster Youth Workload \$ 3,753**



## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

<b>LRB Number</b> 07-2993/2		<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-0573	
<b>Description</b> Creating an individual income tax checkoff for the foster youth scholarship fund and making appropriations			
<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs	6,400		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	127,100		
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	133,500		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
	Increased Rev		Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	133,500		
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$133,500</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	State		Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$133,500		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$133,500		\$
<b>Agency/Prepared By</b>		<b>Authorized Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
DHFS/ Michael Pancook (608) 266-9364		Andy Forsaith (608) 266-7684	1/3/2008

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