



State of Wisconsin
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Major, BB0286 - Increase foster care rates

FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN

Current law specifies basic maintenance rates that are paid by the state or a county to a foster parent for the care and maintenance of a child. Currently, those rates are \$220 for a child of any age in a foster home certified to provide level one care and, for a foster home that is certified to provide higher than level one care, \$366 for a child under five years of age, \$400 for a child 5 to 11 years of age, \$455 for a child 12 to 14 years of age, and \$475 for a child 15 years of age or over. This bill increases those rates by 2.5 percent beginning on January 1, 2014, and by an additional 2.5 percent beginning on January 1, 2015. Beginning on January 1, 2014, the rates are \$226 for for a child of any age in a foster home certified to provide level one care and, for a foster home certified to provide higher than level one care, \$375 for a child under five years of age, \$410 for a child 5 to 11 years of age, \$466 for a child 12 to 14 years of age, and \$487 for a child 15 years of age or over. Beginning on January 1, 2015, the rates are \$232 for a child of any age in a foster home certified to provide level one care and, for a foster home certified to provide higher than level one care, \$384 for a child under five years of age, \$420 for a child 5 to 11 years of age, \$478 for a child 12 to 14 years of age, and \$499 for a child 15 years of age or over.

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:

SECTION 1. 48.62 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.62 (4) Monthly payments in foster care shall be provided according to the rates specified in this subsection. Beginning on January 1, 2010 2014, the rates are \$~~215~~ \$226 for care and maintenance provided for a child of any age by a foster home that is certified to provide level one care, as defined in the rules promulgated under sub. (8) (a) and, for care and maintenance provided by a foster home that is certified to provide care at a level of care that is higher than ~~such~~ level one care, \$~~349~~ \$375 for a child under 5 years of age; \$~~381~~ \$410 for a child 5 to 11 years of age; \$~~433~~ \$466 for a child 12 to 14 years of age; and \$~~452~~ \$487 for a child 15 years of age or over. Beginning on January 1, 2011 2015, the rates are \$~~220~~ \$232 for care and maintenance provided for a child of any age by a foster home that is certified to provide level one care, as defined in the rules promulgated under sub. (8) (a) and, for care and maintenance provided by a foster home that is certified to provide care at a level of care that is higher than ~~such~~ level one care, \$~~366~~ \$384 for a child under 5 years of age; \$~~400~~ \$420 for a child 5 to 11 years of age; \$~~455~~ \$478 for a child 12 to 14 years of age; and \$~~475~~ \$499 for a child 15 years of age or over. In addition to these grants for basic maintenance, the department, county department, or licensed child welfare agency shall make supplemental payments for foster care to a foster home that is receiving an age-related rate under this subsection that are commensurate with the level of care that the foster home is certified to provide and the needs of the

child who is placed in the foster home according to the rules promulgated by the department under sub. (8) (c).

SECTION 9406. Effective dates; Children and Families.

(1) FOSTER CARE RATES. The treatment of section 48.62 (4) of the statutes takes effect on January 1, 2014, or on the day after publication, whichever is later.

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