



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Major, BB0052 - Limit on expenditure of federal child welfare funds
FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN

Under current federal law, a state with a plan for child welfare services that meets certain requirements is eligible to receive funding for those services under Title IV-B, Subpart I, of the Social Security Act (Title IV-B). Under current law, DCF is limited in how it may use Title IV-B funds. Specifically, current law limits the amount of Title IV-B funds that DCF may spend for child abuse and neglect and unborn child abuse independent investigations, for runaway services, and to administer the expenditure of those funds. Current law also limits the amount DCF may distribute to county departments of human services or social services (county departments) for the provision or purchase of child welfare projects and services, for services to children and families, for services to the expectant mothers of unborn children, and for family-based child welfare services.

Current law also limits the amount of certain other federal funds that DOC may allocate to county departments to provide juvenile delinquency-related services.

This bill eliminates these limits on how DCF may use Title IV-B funds for child welfare services and how DOC may use juvenile delinquency-related federal funds.

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

SECTION 1. 20.437 (1) (o) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.437 (1) (o) *Federal aid; children and family aids.* All federal moneys received in amounts pursuant to allocation plans developed by the department for the provision or purchase of services authorized under par. (b) and all federal moneys received as child welfare funds under [42 USC 620 to 626](#) for the provision or purchase of child welfare projects and services as ~~limited under s. 48.985~~. Disbursements from this appropriation may be made directly to counties for services to children and families under s. 49.32 (2) (b) or 49.325 or directly to counties in accordance with federal requirements for the disbursement of federal funds.

SECTION 2. 48.985 of the statutes is repealed.

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