AN ACT to amend 49.155 (6) (e) 3. d., 49.155 (6) (e) 3. e. and 49.175 (1) (p) of the statutes; relating to: child care reimbursement rates in Wisconsin Shares and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 49.155 (6) (e) 3. d. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.155 (6) (e) 3. d. For a child care provider who receives a 4−star rating, the department may increase the maximum payment rate by up to 15 percent.

SECTION 2. 49.155 (6) (e) 3. e. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.155 (6) (e) 3. e. For a child care provider who receives a 5−star rating, the department may increase the maximum payment rate for such a child care provider by up to 30 percent.

SECTION 3. 49.175 (1) (p) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (p) Direct child care services. For direct child care services under s. 49.155, $289,215,200 in fiscal year 2017−18 and $318,369,200 in fiscal year 2018−19.


(1) From the appropriation under section 20.437 (2) (md) of the statutes, the department of children and families shall expend $7,250,000 in fiscal year 2018−19 to increase the child care payment rates for child care services provided under section 49.155 of the statutes. The department shall distribute the additional funds under this subsection as a uniform percentage increase for child care rates in every county.

SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.

(1) CHILD CARE PAYMENT RATES. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of children and families under section 20.437 (2) (md) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018−19 is increased by $8,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the child care payment rates for child care services provided under section 49.155 of the statutes.

SECTION 6. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2019.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”