2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 658

December 5, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives Subeck, Doyle, Crowley, Vining, Anderson, Billings, Bowen, Brostoff, Emerson, Hebl, Milroy, Neubauer, Pope, Sargent, Sinicki and Zamarrapa, cosponsored by Senators Larson, Smith and Wirch. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

AN ACT to amend 20.437 (1) (dd) of the statutes; relating to: adoption of children in foster care and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides $300,000 to the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin for recruiters for the Wendy’s Wonderful Kids program, which provides support in finding adoptive placements for children in foster care.

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

20.437 (1) (dd) State out-of-home care and adoption services. The amounts in the schedule for foster care, institutional child care, and subsidized adoptions under ss. 48.48 (12) and 48.52, for the cost of care for children under s. 49.19 (10) (d), for the cost of placements of children 18 years of age or over in residential care centers for children and youth under voluntary agreements under s. 48.366 (3) or under
orders that terminate as provided in s. 48.355 (4) (b) 4., 48.357 (6) (a) 4., or 48.365
(5) (b) 4., for the cost of the foster care monitoring system, for the cost of services to
children with special needs who are under the guardianship of the department to
prepare those children for adoption, for programs to recruit adoptive placements for
children with special needs, and for the cost of postadoption services to children with
special needs.

**SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

(1) **Recruitment for adoptive placements.** In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3)
for the appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (1)
(dd), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2019–20 is increased by $300,000 to increase
recruitment support for the Wendy’s Wonderful Kids program at the Children’s
Hospital of Wisconsin. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to
the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (1) (dd), the dollar amount
for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by $300,000 to increase recruitment support for
the Wendy’s Wonderful Kids program at the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

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