March 10, 2021 - Introduced by Senators JACQUE, WANGGAARD and TESTIN, cosponsored by Representatives KRUG, ROZAR, SUBECK, ARMSTRONG, MURSAU, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PETRYK, SHANKLAND, SKOWRONSKI and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Human Services, Children and Families.

1 AN ACT relating to: grants to independent living centers and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the funding for the Department of Health Services to make grants to independent living centers to provide independent living services to individuals with disabilities. Current law defines an independent living center as a community-based, nonresidential private nonprofit agency operated by individuals with disabilities that provides independent living services to individuals with disabilities. Under current law, DHS makes grants to independent living centers, and independent living centers must provide services to individuals with disabilities, including the following: 1) facilitating the transition of individuals with significant disabilities from institutions to home and community-based residences; 2) providing assistance to individuals with significant disabilities who are at risk of entering institutions so that the individuals may remain in the community; and 3) facilitating the transition of youth who have significant disabilities to postsecondary life.

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. Fiscal changes.

(1) GRANTS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (1) (cx), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by $2,343,100 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of health services under s. 20.435 (1) (cx), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by $2,343,100 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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