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### 2023 Wisconsin Act 191 [2023 Senate Bill 707]

### National Reading Program Grants

2023 Wisconsin Act 191 requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to award grants to nonprofit organizations for the provision of books to young children. DCF must award these grants as reimbursements for up to 50 percent of the cost the nonprofit organization incurs in purchasing books in partnership with a national reading program. Under the act, a national reading program means a national program that: (1) has been in existence since at least 2003; and (2) mails age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five at no cost and regardless of their family income. A grant awarded under this program may not exceed \$10,000.

**Effective date:** March 24, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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