



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Project SEARCH program

Under current law, DWD is authorized to enter into contracts to provide employment skills services to individuals with developmental disabilities under the Project SEARCH program. The program is currently operated by the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and DWD administers the program for residents of this state. This bill changes the source of funding for the program to a dedicated appropriation in DWD. This bill also specifically authorizes DWD to engage in a number of activities related to the Project SEARCH program.

For further information see the state and local 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. 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.445 (1) (b) *Workforce training; programs, grants, and services,—and contracts.* The amounts in the schedule for the workforce training programs, grants,

and services under s. 106.27 (1), (1g), (1j), (1r), and (1u) ~~and for the costs associated with contracts entered into under s. 47.07.~~

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 20.445 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

20.445 (5) (b) *Project SEARCH program.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the administration and general operations related to the project SEARCH program under s. 47.07, including field services to clients, administrative services, the purchase of goods and services, and vocational rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities.

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 3. 47.07 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

47.07 (1) The department shall allocate for each fiscal year at least \$250,000 from the appropriation under s. 20.445 ~~(1) (b)~~ (5) (b) for contracts and activities entered into under this section.

SECTION 4. 47.07 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

47.07 (3) The department may facilitate Project SEARCH opportunities for young adults with disabilities, administer operations, contracts, and services related to the Project SEARCH program, provide training related to the Project SEARCH program, maintain existing Project SEARCH program sites, and manage the timing for expanding the number of available Project SEARCH program sites.

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