

### State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bork, BB0448 - Grants to support foster parents and children

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

# Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### CHILDREN

#### Grants to support foster parents and children

2017 Wisconsin Act 260 established a one-year pilot program for DCF to distribute grants to counties, nonprofit organizations, and tribes for the purpose of supporting foster parents and providing normalcy for children in out-of-home care. This bill makes the grant program permanent and specifies that grants under the program may be distributed for the purpose of sibling reconnection.

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) (bg) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.437 (1) (bg) *Grants to support foster parents and children*. The amounts in the schedule for grants by the department of children and families under 2017 Wisconsin Act 260, section 3 s. 48.53.

**Section 2.** 48.53 of the statutes is created to read:

48.53 Grants to support foster parents and children. From the appropriation account under s. 20.437 (1) (bg), the department shall distribute grants to counties, nonprofit organizations, or tribes for the purpose of supporting foster parents and providing normalcy for children in out-of-home care, including for the purpose of sibling reconnection.

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