



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1849/P2
ARG:cdc

DOA:.....Mott, BB0578 - Foster Youth Programs

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

UW foster youth support programs

This bill provides funding to establish or maintain support programs at UW institutions for students who formerly resided in a foster home or group home. Support programs may offer these students scholarships, jobs, emergency funds, basic supplies, mentorships, career planning, and other forms of support.

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. 20.285 (1) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:

20.285 (1) (cr) *Foster youth support programs.* The amounts in the schedule to provide funding for former foster youth support programs under s. 36.25 (43).

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

SECTION 2. 36.25 (43) of the statutes is created to read:

36.25 (43) FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMS. From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (cr), the board shall allocate funding to each institution to establish or maintain support programs for students enrolled in the institution who formerly resided in a foster home or group home. Support programs funded under this subsection may offer students who formerly resided in a foster home or group home, among other forms of support, any of the following:

- (a) Scholarships.
- (b) Employment.
- (c) Emergency funds.
- (d) Basic supplies.
- (e) Mentorships to assist with academic preparations and successful navigation of the complex college environment.
- (f) Other resources such as career planning, financial literacy training, and math and writing support.

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