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**FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**CHILDREN**

***Grants for youth services***

This bill consolidates certain DCF youth services programs into a new youth services grant program. Under current law, the following DCF programs provide youth services: grants for services for homeless and runaway youth, treatment and services for children who are the victims of sex trafficking, grants for children's community programs, and the Brighter Futures Initiative. Under the bill, these programs are consolidated into the youth services grant program, under which DCF must distribute grants to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes to provide programs that accomplish one or more of the following purposes:

1. Increasing youth access to housing.
2. Increasing youth self-sufficiency through employment, education, and training.
3. Increasing youth social and emotional health by promoting healthy and stable adult connections, social engagement, and connection with necessary services.
4. Preventing sex trafficking of children and youth.
5. Providing treatment and services for documented and suspected victims of child and youth sex trafficking.

6. Preventing and reducing the incidence of youth violence and other delinquent behavior.

7. Preventing and reducing the incidence of youth alcohol and other drug use and abuse.

8. Preventing and reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect.

9. Preventing and reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy.

Under current law, DCF must allocate in each fiscal year specific amounts of money, including federal moneys received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, for various public assistance programs, including \$500,000 for the Brighter Futures Initiative for programs to provide evidence-based programs and practices for substance abuse prevention to at-risk youth and their families. Under the bill, this amount is allocated instead to the grants for youth services.

Under current law, DHS transfers amounts to DCF for the Brighter Futures Initiative. Under the bill, DHS transfers those amounts to DCF for the grants for youth services. The bill maintains a requirement, currently under the Brighter Futures Initiative, that DCF distribute \$55,000 in each fiscal year to Diverse and Resilient, Inc., to provide youth services as part of the new youth services grant program.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.435 (5) (bf) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (5) (bf) *Brighter futures initiative Grants for youth services.* The amounts in the schedule to be transferred to the appropriation account under s. 20.437 (1) (kb) for the ~~brighter futures initiative under s. 48.545 grants for youth services under s. 48.481.~~

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

**SECTION 2.** 20.437 (1) (bc) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.437 (1) (bc) *Grants for children's community programs youth services.* The amounts in the schedule for grants for ~~children's community programs youth services~~ under s. 48.481. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph. All

moneys under this appropriation account that are distributed under s. 48.481 but are not encumbered by December 31 of each year lapse to the general fund on the next January 1 unless carried forward to the next calendar year by the joint committee on finance.

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

**SECTION 3.** 20.437 (1) (e) of the statutes is repealed.

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**SECTION 4.** 20.437 (1) (eg) of the statutes is repealed.

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**SECTION 5.** 20.437 (1) (er) of the statutes is repealed.

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

**SECTION 6.** 20.437 (1) (kb) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.437 (1) (kb) *Interagency aids; ~~brighter futures initiative grants for youth services~~*. All moneys transferred from the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (5) (bf) for the ~~brighter futures initiative under s. 48.545 grants for youth services under s. 48.481~~.

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

**SECTION 7.** 20.9275 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.9275 (2) (intro.) No state agency or local governmental unit may authorize payment of funds of this state, of any local governmental unit or, subject to sub. (3m), of federal funds passing through the state treasury as a grant, subsidy or other funding that wholly or partially or directly or indirectly involves pregnancy programs, projects or services, that is a grant, subsidy or other funding under s.

48.481, 48.487, ~~48.545~~, 253.05, 253.07, 253.08, or 253.085 or [42 USC 701](#) to [710](#), if any of the following applies:

**SECTION 8.** 48.48 (19) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 9.** 48.481 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**48.481** (title) **Grants for children's community programs youth services.**

**SECTION 10.** 48.481 (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 48.481 (2m) (intro.) and amended to read:

48.481 **(2m)** (intro.) ~~From the appropriation under s. 20.437 (1) (bc), the~~ The department shall distribute the following grants for children's community programs youth services to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes to provide programs that accomplish one or more of the following purposes:

**SECTION 11.** 48.481 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 12.** 48.481 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

48.481 **(1m)** In this section:

(a) "Nonprofit corporation" means a nonstock, nonprofit corporation organized under ch. 181.

(b) "Public agency" means a county, city, village, town, or school district or an agency of this state or of a county, city, village, town, or school district.

**SECTION 13.** 48.481 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This is reconciled s. 48.481 (2). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -0860/P1 and -0878/P4.

**SECTION 14.** 48.481 (2m) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) and (3) of the statutes are created to read:

48.481 **(2m)** (a) Increasing youth access to housing.

(b) Increasing youth self-sufficiency through employment, education, and training.

(c) Increasing youth social and emotional health by promoting healthy and stable adult connections, social engagement, and connection with necessary services.

(d) Preventing sex trafficking of children and youth.

(e) Providing treatment and services for documented and suspected victims of child and youth sex trafficking.

(f) Preventing and reducing the incidence of youth violence and other delinquent behavior.

(g) Preventing and reducing the incidence of youth alcohol and other drug use and abuse.

(h) Preventing and reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect.

(i) Preventing and reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy.

**(3)** From the appropriations under s. 20.437 (1) (bc) and (kb), the department shall distribute \$55,000 in each fiscal year to Diverse and Resilient, Inc., to provide programs that accomplish one or more of the purposes under sub. (2m).

**SECTION 15.** 48.545 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 16.** 49.1385 of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 17.** 49.175 (1) (o) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (o) ~~Evidence-based substance abuse prevention grants~~ Grants for youth services. For grants awarded under s. 48.545 (2) (e) ~~48.481~~, \$500,000 in each fiscal year.

(END)