



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bork, BB0063 - Intensive Family Preservation Services

FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN

Intensive family preservation services

The bill creates new authority for DCF to provide intensive family preservation services or to provide funding for a county department of social or human services, a nonprofit or for-profit corporation, a tribe, or a child welfare agency to provide intensive family preservation services. The bill defines “intensive family preservation services” to mean evidence-informed services or support aimed at preventing the removal of children from the home under the Children’s Code or the Juvenile Justice Code, promoting the safety of children in the home, or serving children who are placed in out-of-home care or who are involved in the juvenile justice system.

The bill also creates a new GPR appropriation for DCF to provide intensive family preservation services.

Group care referral clearinghouse

The bill creates new authority for DCF to create, maintain, and require the use of a group care referral clearinghouse, and to promulgate rules necessary to accomplish this.

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. 20.437 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.437 (1) (bm) *Intensive family preservation services.* The amounts in the schedule to provide services under s. 48.48 (17m).

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

SECTION 2. 48.48 (17m) of the statutes is created to read:

48.48 (17m) (a) To provide intensive family preservation services or to provide funding to county departments, nonprofit or for-profit corporations, Indian tribes, or licensed child welfare agencies under contract with the department or a county department to provide intensive family preservation services. In this subsection, “intensive family preservation services” means evidence-informed services that are targeted to prevent the removal of children from the home under this chapter or ch. 938, to promote the safety of children in the home, or to provide services to children who are placed in out-of-home care or who are involved in the juvenile justice system.

(b) To provide support for intensive family preservation services provided by the department, county departments, nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes, or licensed child welfare agencies, including any of the following:

1. Training, coaching, quality assurance, data collection and analysis, and funding for certification or licensing for implementation of the services.

2. Purchasing or subsidizing the purchase of the services described in subd. 1.

(c) To develop criteria, standards, and review procedures for the administration of this subsection. Notwithstanding s. 227.10 (1), the criteria, standards, and review procedures established under this paragraph need not be promulgated as rules under ch. 227.

SECTION 3. 48.48 (22) of the statutes is created to read:

48.48 (22) To create, maintain, and require use of for placement purposes a group care referral clearinghouse. The department may promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this subsection.

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