



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0879/P4
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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

Kinship care flexible support

The bill creates flexible support for a kinship care provider. Support provided under the bill may include additional flexible payments or services to a kinship care provider who DCF determines qualifies. Under the bill, DCF may promulgate rules to specify qualifying costs and services and eligibility criteria for the flexible support.

Under current law, a relative other than a parent who is providing care and maintenance for a child may receive kinship care payments from a county department of human services or social services, DCF in Milwaukee county, or an Indian tribe. Under current law, kinship care payments are set at \$300 per month.

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) (es) of the statutes is created to read:

20.437 (1) (es) *Kinship care; flexible support.* The amounts in the schedule for flexible support for a kinship care provider under s. 48.57 (3m) (as).

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

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 20.437 (1) (es) This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers:-0878/P4 and -0879/P4. LRB-0878 changes the term “kinship care relative” to “kinship care provider.”

SECTION 2. 48.57 (3m) (as) of the statutes is created to read:

48.57 (3m) (as) From the appropriation under s. 20.437 (1) (es), a county department and, in a county having a population of 750,000 or more, the department may provide flexible support, in the form of additional payments or services, to a kinship care provider who qualifies under rules promulgated by the department under par. (i) 3.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 48.57 (3m) (as). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers:-0878/P4 and -0879/P4. LRB-0878 changes the term “kinship care relative” to “kinship care provider.”

SECTION 3. 48.57 (3m) (i) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

48.57 (3m) (i) 3. Rules governing the provision of flexible support under par. (as). Rules promulgated under this subdivision may specify qualifying costs and services and eligibility criteria.

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