



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1108/P1

EHS:cdc

DOA:.....Adam, BB0169 - Transfer Head Start state supplement from DPI to DCF

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Transferring Head Start state supplement to DCF

The bill transfers the Head Start state supplement from DPI to DCF. The bill transfers from the state superintendent to the secretary of children and families the responsibilities of determining whether agencies are eligible for designation as Head Start agencies under the federal Head Start program to provide comprehensive health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services to economically disadvantaged children and their families, and of distributing federal Head Start funds to those eligible agencies.

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. 20.255 (2) (eh) of the statutes is renumbered 20.437 (2) (eh) and amended to read:

20.437 (2) (eh) *Head start supplement.* The amounts in the schedule for the head start supplement under s. ~~115.3615~~ 49.39.

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

SECTION 2. 115.3615 of the statutes is renumbered 49.39 and amended to read:

49.39 Head start supplement. From the appropriation under s. ~~20.255~~

BILL**SECTION 2**

20.437 (2) (eh), the ~~state superintendent~~ secretary shall distribute funds to agencies determined by the ~~state superintendent~~ secretary to be eligible for designation as head start agencies under [42 USC 9836](#) to provide comprehensive health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services to economically disadvantaged children and their families. The ~~state superintendent~~ secretary shall distribute the funds in a manner consistent with [42 USC 9831](#) to [9852](#) except that there is no matching fund requirement. The ~~state superintendent~~ secretary shall give preference in funding under this section to agencies that are receiving federal funds under [42 USC 9831](#) to [9852](#) and to agencies that operate full-time or early head start programs. Funds distributed under this section may be used to match available federal funds under [42 USC 9831](#) to [9852](#) only if the funds are used to secure additional federal funds for the purposes under this section.

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