



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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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

Tribal family services grants and funding for out-of-home-care placements by tribal courts

Current law uses Indian gaming receipts to fund tribal family service grants and unexpected or unusually high-cost out-of-home-care placements of Indian children by tribal courts. This bill appropriates GPR moneys for those purposes as well.

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

20.437 (1) (bd) *Tribal family services grants.* The amounts in the schedule for tribal family services grants under s. 48.487.

****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) (bn) of the statutes is created to read:

20.437 (1) (bn) *Tribal placements.* The amounts in the schedule to be used for unexpected or unusually high-cost out-of-home care placements of Indian children by tribal courts, including placements of Indian juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent.

BILL**SECTION 2**

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

SECTION 3. 48.48 (8p) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.48 **(8p)** To reimburse tribes and county departments, from the ~~appropriation~~ appropriations under s. 20.437 (1) (bn) and (kz), for unexpected or unusually high-cost out-of-home care placements of Indian children by tribal courts, other than placements to which s. 938.485 (4) applies. In this subsection, “unusually high-cost out-of-home care placements” means the amount by which the cost to a tribe or to a county department of out-of-home care placements of Indian children by tribal courts, other than placements to which s. 938.485 (4) applies, exceeds \$50,000 in a fiscal year.

SECTION 4. 48.487 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.487 **(1m)** TRIBAL FAMILY SERVICES GRANTS. From the ~~appropriation account~~ appropriations under s. 20.437 (1) (bd) and (js), the department may distribute tribal family services grants to the elected governing bodies of the Indian tribes in this state. An elected governing body that receives a grant under this subsection may expend the grant moneys received for any of the purposes specified in subs. (2), (3) (b), (4m) (b), (5) (b), (6), and (7) as determined by that body.

(END)