



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1263/P3

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DOA:.....Rice, BB0256 - Out-of-school time grant program

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN

Grants for out-of-school time programs

This bill directs DCF to make grants to out-of-school time programs, defined as structured programs or activities that meet all of the following conditions:

1. To the extent practicable, the program or activity is led by adult mentors using evidence-based or evidence-informed practices and is provided to school-age children before school, after school, or during the summer.

2. The program or activity does not supplant instructional services provided by a school or result in academic credit for students.

3. The program or activity relates to improving social, emotional, academic, or career readiness competencies; reducing negative behaviors, including violence and crime, tobacco use, alcohol and substance abuse, disengagement from school, school suspension, truancy, and health-compromising behaviors; providing a safe out-of-school time environment; or engaging in career exploration or formal or informal work-based learning.

The bill requires DCF to promulgate rules to implement the grant program and authorizes DCF to promulgate emergency rules for the period before permanent rules take effect.

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 (2) (fg) of the statutes is created to read:

20.437 (2) (fg) *Grants for out-of-school time programs.* The amounts in the schedule for grants to out-of-school time programs under s. 48.483.

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

SECTION 2. 48.483 of the statutes is created to read:

48.483 Grants for out-of-school time programs. (1) In this section, “out-of-school time program” means a structured program or activity that meets all of the following conditions:

(a) To the extent practicable, the program or activity is led by adult mentors using evidence-based or evidence-informed practices and is provided to school-age children before school, after school, or during the summer.

(b) The program or activity does not supplant instructional services provided by a school or result in academic credit for students.

(c) The program or activity relates to one or more of the following topics:

1. Improving social, emotional, academic, or career readiness competencies.
2. Reducing negative behaviors, including violence and crime, tobacco use, alcohol and substance abuse, disengagement from school, school suspension, truancy, and health-compromising behaviors.
3. Providing a safe out-of-school time environment.
4. Engaging in career exploration or formal or informal work-based learning.

(2) From the appropriation under s. 20.437 (2) (fg), the department shall award grants to out-of-school time programs for the purpose of expanding opportunities for school-age children.

(3) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 9106. Nonstatutory provisions; Children and Families.

(1) GRANTS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS; EMERGENCY RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY. The department of children and families may use the procedure under

BILL**SECTION 9106**

s. 227.24 to promulgate emergency rules under s. 48.483 for the period before the date on which permanent rules under s. 48.483 take effect. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules promulgated under this subsection remain in effect until July 1, 2027, or the date on which permanent rules take effect, whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department of children and families is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

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