



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1706/P1

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DOA:.....Rice, BB0404 - Expanded Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs 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

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Expanded Transform Milwaukee Jobs and Transitional Jobs programs

Under current law, DCF administers a temporary wage subsidy program for individuals who meet all of the following qualifications: 1) are at least 18 years old and, if over 25 years old, are the parent or primary relative caregiver of a child; 2) have a household income below 150 percent of the federal poverty line; 3) have been unemployed for at least four weeks; 4) are ineligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits; 5) are not participating in a Wisconsin Works employment position; and 6) satisfy applicable substance abuse screening, testing, and treatment requirements. Under current law, funding is directed first to the program as established in Milwaukee County, called the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program, and next, if funding is available, to the program as established outside of Milwaukee County, called the Transitional Jobs program.

This bill provides funding for and requires DCF to establish the Expanded Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs program, which under the bill must be identical to the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs program except that, to be eligible, an individual is not required to have an annual household income below 150 percent of the federal poverty line and, if over 25 years of age, is not required to be a parent or primary relative caregiver of a child.

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

20.437 (2) (fn) *Expanded Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and*

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Transitional Jobs program. The amounts in the schedule for the program under s. 49.1632.

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

SECTION 2. 49.1632 of the statutes is created to read:

49.1632 Expanded Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs program. From the appropriation under s. 20.437 (2) (fn), the department shall establish programs identical to the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and Transitional Jobs program under s. 49.163 except that an individual is not required to satisfy the eligibility criteria under s. 49.163 (2) (am) 2. and 3. in order to participate.

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