



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 657

December 5, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives SUBECK, VINING, DOYLE, CROWLEY, ZAMARRIPA, C. TAYLOR, SINICKI, SARGENT, NEUBAUER, MILROY, HESSELBEIN, HEBL, EMERSON, BROSTOFF, BOWEN, BILLINGS and ANDERSON, cosponsored by Senators SMITH and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.437 (1) (dm) and 48.483 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 scholarships for sibling connections and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to provide scholarships to adopted children and their biological siblings who do not reside in the same household to attend programs together in order to build sibling connections.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

				2019-20	2020-21
5	20.437	Children and families, department of			
6	(1)	CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES			
7	(dm)	Sibling connections scholarships	GPR A	75,000	75,000

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SECTION 2

1 **SECTION 2.** 20.437 (1) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

2 20.437 (1) (dm) *Sibling connections scholarship*. The amounts in the schedule
3 for the scholarship program under s. 48.483.

4 **SECTION 3.** 48.483 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **48.483 Sibling connections scholarships.** From the appropriation under
6 s. 20.437 (1) (dm), the department shall award scholarships to adopted children and
7 their biological siblings who do not reside in the same household to attend programs
8 together in order to build sibling connections.

9 **(END)**