



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 973

February 9, 2022 - Introduced by Senators ERPENBACH, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, AGARD, SMITH, ROYS and PFAFF, cosponsored by Representatives POPE, ANDRACA, SPREITZER, VRUWINK, HEBL, EMERSON, SHELTON, CONLEY, SINICKI, CONSIDINE, HESSELBEIN, MILROY, BOWEN, CABRERA, SHANKLAND and HONG. Referred to Committee on Human Services, Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.437 (1) (em) and 49.135 of the statutes; **relating to:** a grant
2 program to fund child care staff to care for children with disabilities, granting
3 rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a grant program under which the Department of Children and Families may award grants to licensed child care centers and certified child care providers to pay for additional staffing to assist in the care of children with disabilities when other funding is unavailable or insufficient for this purpose. The bill authorizes DCF to determine grant eligibility and award amounts, and allows DCF to promulgate rules to administer the grant program.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.437 (1) (em) of the statutes is created to read:
5 20.437 (1) (em) *Child care staffing for children with disabilities.* A sum
6 sufficient for the grant program under s. 49.135.

