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### **Supporting Parents Supporting Kids Demonstration Project (Children and Families -- Child Support)**

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#### **CURRENT LAW**

Wisconsin receives federal child support noncustodial parent employment demonstration (CSPED) funding to operate the supporting parents supporting kids (SPSK) program in Brown and Kenosha Counties. The program assists low-income noncustodial parents who are unemployed and not meeting their child support payment obligations by providing partial suspension of administrative enforcement measures, assistance with job search and job skills, training on child development, and parental programming to connect with their children.

CSPED funding for SPSK will cease in 2018-19. Wisconsin applied for, and received, a federal waiver to continue the program into 2017-18. This allows Wisconsin to receive federal matching funds on state spending under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. It is not yet known whether Wisconsin would receive an additional federal waiver for 2018-19.

#### **GOVERNOR**

The bill would provide \$68,000 PR in 2017-18 and \$928,600 (\$188,300 GPR, \$365,300 FED, and \$375,000 PR) in 2018-19 to support an expansion of the SPSK program into three additional counties in 2018-19. The program revenue would be child support collections that are assigned to the state by W-2 participants. The federal revenue would be matching funds for reimbursing administrative costs in the child support enforcement program.

The additional funding under the bill for the PSPK program would be divided between: (a) grants to counties (\$200,000 in 2017-18 and \$375,000 in 2018-19); and (b) program administration, including program evaluation, training, and automation costs (\$553,600 in 2018-19). In utilizing the new funding, DCF intends to change the program from voluntary

participation into mandatory court-ordered participation.

## **MODIFICATION**

Increase funding by \$132,000 FED in 2017-18 from matching funds under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

	<b>Change to Base</b>	<b>Bill</b>
FED	\$132,000	\$132,000

**Explanation:** The state funding in 2017-18 will likely generate additional federal matching funds (currently estimated at \$132,000), which were not included in the appropriation schedule under the bill.

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