

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Omnibus Motion

[LFB Papers #250 thru 256, 265 thru 270, and 280 thru 282]

Motion:

Move to include the following items:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Economic Support

1. *Estimates of TANF-Related Programs under Current Law (Paper #250)*. Modify TANF allocations to reflect the estimated cost to continue TANF-related programs under current law to decrease funding allocations by \$10,875,000 FED in 2023-24 and \$6,598,000 FED in 2024-25 [Modification in Paper #250]

2. *Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program (Paper #251)*. Decrease the TANF allocation for direct care subsidies by \$15,440,600 FED in 2023-24 and increase it by \$44,379,300 FED in 2024-25 to: (a) reduce funding by \$68,900,400 FED in 2023-24 and by \$53,900,400 FED in 2024-25 for the cost to continue subsidies under current law; (b) increase funding by \$53,459,800 in 2023-24 and \$71,279,700 in 2024-25 to change authorizations for subsidies under Wisconsin Shares to be on a full-time/part-time basis; and (c) provide \$27,000,000 FED in 2024-25 to (i) set a single initial eligibility and phase-out threshold for Wisconsin Shares subsidies at 200% FPL and (ii) change the increase in Wisconsin Shares copayments above the phase-out threshold to \$1 for every \$5 increase in a participating household's income, rather than \$1 for every \$3 increase in a participating household's income, as under current law, beginning in 2024-25. [Alternatives A1 and B3 in Paper #251]

3. *Direct Child Care Services -- Tribal Contracts (LFB Summary Page 95, #6)*. Provide \$375,000 FED in 2023-24 and \$500,000 FED in 2024-25 to increase funding for tribal child care contracts.

4. *Quality Care for Quality Kids -- Child Care Quality Improvement Program (Paper #253)*. Provide \$10,000,000 FED (CCDF) in 2023-24 and \$20,000,000 FED (CCDF) in 2024-25 to the statutory allocation for quality care for quality kids to fund the resumption of YoungStar adjustment to subsidies under the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program based on the number of stars child care providers earn. [Alternative B1 in Paper #253].

5. *Child Care Quality and Availability Initiatives (Paper #254)*. Provide \$535,000 FED (CCDF) in 2023-24 and \$9,464,000 FED (CCDF) in 2024-25 for the following child care quality initiatives: (a) \$2,500,000 FED in 2024-25 to support development and expansion of the Wisconsin

Early Education Shared Services Network; (b) \$535,000 FED annually to fund social emotional learning initiatives for young children; and (c) \$5,000,000 FED in 2024-25 to support enhanced REWARD stipends. [Alternative C2d in Paper #254].

6. *Child Care Resource and Referral*. Provide funding of \$1,300,000 FED (CCDF) annually for child care resource and referral services.

7. *Child Care Revolving Loan Fund*. Create a new, continuing appropriation under the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to support a revolving loan fund for child care providers. Provide \$15,000,000 GPR to be placed in the Committee's supplemental appropriation.

8. *Child Care State Administration (LFB Summary Page 97, #12)*. Increase funding by \$2,279,100 (\$688,700 GPR and \$1,590,400 FED) in 2023-24 and \$2,079,100 (\$688,700 GPR and \$1,390,400 FED) in 2024-25 for state administration of child care programs, including the following: (a) \$994,400 FED in 2023-24 and \$426,900 FED in 2024-25 for the costs of transitioning child care provider licensing from a paper-based system to an online format; (b) \$688,700 GPR annually to reflect the transfer of the administrative responsibilities for, and costs of, CSAW from the Department of Health Services to DCF; (c) \$126,200 FED in 2023-24 and \$200,400 FED in 2024-25 to support administrative vendor contract costs for the Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support (CARES) system; (d) \$616,500 FED in 2023-24 and \$909,800 FED in 2024-25 for staff costs associated with health insurance, retirement, and reserves; and (e) a realignment of funding and positions within the Department (-\$146,700 FED annually).

9. *Kinship Care (Paper #266)*. Increase TANF funding for kinship care payments by \$277,400 in 2023-24 and \$4,219,200 in 2024-25 to reflect a reestimate of caseload and the increase in the monthly rate from \$300 to \$375 described under the Child Welfare section.

10. *Grant Programs (Paper #255)*. Increase funding by \$6,000,000 FED (TANF) in 2023-24 and \$1,000,000 FED (TANF) in 2024-25 for the following grant programs. First, provide \$5,000,000 FED in 2023-24 to increase the grant DCF provides to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wisconsin for the Be Great Graduate Program. Second, provide \$500,000 FED annually to expand the Jobs for America's Graduates program. Third, provide one-time (non-continuing) funding of \$500,000 FED annually to expand the skills enhancement program. [Alternative C1 in Paper #255]

11. *National Reading Program*. Create an annual GPR appropriation with \$0 GPR annually to support national reading program grants. Provide \$500,000 annually to the Committee's supplemental appropriation.

12. *State Administration of Wisconsin Works and Other Related TANF Programs (LFB Summary Page 102, #24)*. Increase funding by \$601,200 FED (TANF) in 2023-24 and \$944,700 FED (TANF) in 2024-25 to support the costs of administering TANF-related programs, including: (a) one-time funding of \$118,300 FED in 2023-24 and \$322,900 FED in 2024-25 for enhancements and system upgrades for the Benefit Recovery Investigation Tracking System (BRITS); (b) one-time funding of \$268,800 FED in each year of the biennium to support the vendor contract to develop mobile solutions and other advancements to the Wisconsin statewide automated child welfare

information system (eWiSACWIS); (c) \$199,200 FED in 2023-24 and \$316,400 FED in 2024-25 to support administrative vendor contract costs for the Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support (CARES) system; and (d) \$14,900 FED in 2023-24 and \$36,600 FED in 2024-25 to support staffing costs for the homeless case management services grant program.

13. *Caretaker Supplement (Paper #256)*. Increase the caretaker supplement benefit payment to \$275 for the first child and \$165 for each additional child, effective July 1, 2023. Reduce base TANF funding in DCF by \$8,445,100 FED in 2023-24 and by \$7,154,600 FED in 2024-25. Reduce PR in DHS by corresponding amounts to reflect reestimates of the amount of TANF funding that would be transferred from DCF to DHS to support caretaker supplement and administration costs.

14. *Child Care Fee Revenue Reestimate (LFB Summary Page 14, #28)*. Estimate increases in child care licensing fee revenue (PR), with corresponding decreases in federal spending budgeted for program administration supplies and services (-\$81,400 FED and \$81,400 PR in 2023-24 and -\$66,700 FED and \$66,700 PR in 2024-25).

Child Welfare

15. *Kinship and Foster Care (Paper #266): Basic and Treatment Foster Care Rates*. Adopt Alternative D1 to provide \$578,000 (\$378,800 GPR and \$199,200 FED under Title IV-E) in 2023-24 and \$1,156,100 (\$757,700 GPR and \$398,400 FED under Title IV-E) to increase foster care rates by 5%, effective January 1, 2024. Modify these rates in statute. Increase the statutory amount paid to counties under Children and Family Aids by \$382,900 in 2023-24 and \$765,500 in 2024-25 to account for the estimated cost to counties to provide increased foster care payments. [Alternative D1 in Paper #266]

16. *Kinship and Foster Care (Paper #266): Kinship Care and Child-Specific Foster Care Rates*. Adopt Alternative E4Y to provide \$8,600 (\$5,600 GPR and \$3,000 FED under Title IV-E) in 2023-24 and \$17,100 (\$11,200 GPR and \$5,900 FED under Title IV-E) in 2024-25 to increase the monthly rate for kinship and child-specific foster care from \$300 to \$375, effective January 1, 2024. The fiscal effect of the change in kinship care rates is included under item #9 in the TANF and Economic Support section. Modify kinship and child-specific foster care rates in statute. Increase the statutory amount paid to counties under Children and Family Aids by \$5,700 in 2023-24 and \$11,300 in 2024-25 to account for the estimated cost to counties to provide increased foster care payments. [Alternative E4Y in Paper #266]

17. *Tribal Subsidized Guardianships (Paper #268)*. Adopt Alternative 2 to provide \$395,800 (\$256,600 PR Tribal Gaming and \$139,200 FED) in 2023-24 and \$436,000 (\$282,600 PR Tribal Gaming and \$153,400 FED) in 2024-25 to reimburse tribes and bands for the cost of subsidized guardianships. Reduce GPR revenue by corresponding amounts to reflect a reduction in the tribal gaming revenue deposited in the general fund. Modify the FED appropriation currently used to reimburse counties for these costs to authorize reimbursements to tribes and bands, and authorize reimbursement under a PR appropriation. Authorize DCF to enter into agreements with tribal governments to provide reimbursement for subsidized guardianships, but require that such agreements require tribes and bands to comply with all requirements for administering subsidized

guardianships that apply to counties, including eligibility. Make modifications to the statutes related to subsidized guardianships to expand provisions that apply to counties to also apply to tribes and bands. Specify that a county may continue to make payments, and receive state reimbursement, for subsidized guardianships ordered by a tribal court if that county has entered into an agreement with the tribal government to do so. [Alternative 2 in Paper #268]

18. *eWiSACWIS -- Child Welfare Enhancements (Paper #270)*. Modify Alternative A1 to provide \$2,687,700 [\$2,418,900 FED (Title IV-E), and \$268,800 FED (TANF)] annually to fund eWiSACWIS systems enhancements in the 2023-25 biennium. Of the amounts budgeted in 2024-25, \$2,150,100 [(\$1,935,100 FED (Title IV-E) and \$215,000 FED (TANF))] would be provided as one-time funding.

19. *Youth Justice Case Management and Reporting System (Paper #270)*. Modify Alternative B2 to provide \$1,176,000 FED under Title IV-E annually in one-time funding to fund programming services for 5.0 FTE contracted staff to develop a youth justice case management and reporting system.

20. *DMCPS Aids Payments and Contracted Services (LFB Summary Page 110, #7)*. Provide \$4,274,300 (\$2,521,100 GPR and \$1,753,200 FED) in 2023-24 and \$4,264,800 (\$2,514,000 GPR and \$1,750,800 FED) in 2024-25 to reflect reestimates of the cost of Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) aids payments and contracted services.

21. *State Out-of-Home Care and Adoptions Reestimate (LFB Summary Page 115, #16)*. Reduce funding by \$2,739,700 (-\$4,055,700 GPR and \$1,316,000 FED) in 2023-24 and by \$1,410,600 (-\$3,119,200 GPR and \$1,708,600 FED) in 2024-25 to reflect a reestimate of adoption assistance, subsidized guardianship, and state foster care payments, changes in federal claiming rates in the 2023-25 biennium, and an increase to state adoption services contract costs to meet new federal requirements.

22. *Qualified Residential Treatment Program Training (LFB Summary Page 117, #18)*. Provide \$200,000 FED under Title IV-E annually to purchase specialized training for qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) staff.

23. *Menominee Tribe Child Protective Services*. Provide \$507,000 PR per year in tribal gaming revenue to support child welfare expenditures of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. Reduce GPR revenue by corresponding amounts to reflect a reduction in the tribal gaming revenue deposited in the general fund. Create a new PR appropriation and tribal gaming allocation for this purpose.

24. *Triple P Online*. Provide \$2,000,000 FED under Title IV-E annually in one-time funding to Children's Wisconsin for the purpose of making available statewide an online evidence-based parenting program that provides support to parents, reduces childhood behavioral issues, and increases family stability. Specify in statute that DCF shall award these amounts.

Juvenile Justice

25. *SRCC Bonus Funding for Qualifying Counties (Page 121 #5)*. Provide \$750,000 GPR in 2024-25 to fund the estimated bonus payment to Racine County for operational costs associated with operating a Secure Residential Care Center (SRCC) for Children and Youth. Funding would be provided to the "Community Youth and Family Aids; Bonus for County Facilities" appropriation created under 2017 Act 185.

Child Support and Departmentwide

26. *Local Child Support Enforcement (Paper #280)*. Provide \$5,936,300 (\$1,083,300 GPR and \$4,853,000 FED) in 2023-24 and \$14,705,900 (\$5,000,000 GPR and \$9,705,900 FED) in 2024-25 to increase state support for local administration of the child. [Alternative 3 in Paper #280]

27. *Child Support IT Modernization Project (Paper #281)*. Provide one-time funding of \$22,019,900 [\$7,486,800 GPR and \$14,533,100 FED (Title IV-D)] in 2024-25 to support replacing KIDS with a modern web-based information technology system. The funding would be provided on a one-time basis and not made part of the base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. [Alternative 2 in Paper #281]

28. *Funding and Position Realignments (LFB Summary Page 123, #5)*. Increase funding by \$111,900 (-\$1,000 GPR, \$700 FED, and \$111,900 PR) annually, and provide 1.0 PR position, beginning in 2023-24, to more accurately reflect the current needs and organizational structure of DCF.

29. *Program Revenue and Federal Revenue Reestimates (LFB Summary Page 123, #6)*. Provide \$3,621,100 (\$121,100 FED and \$3,500,000 PR) annually to reflect the net effect of adjustments to several program revenue and federal appropriations.

30. *Cybersecurity (Paper #282)*. Provide \$1,185,800 (\$484,100 GPR, \$677,200 FED, and \$24,500 PR) annually for DCF to develop and implement a comprehensive cybersecurity plan for critical infrastructure, data, systems, and user accounts across all of its information technology systems. Allocate funding for the program as shown in Table 2. [Alternative 2 in Paper #282]

31. *Vacant Position*. Delete 0.01 GPR, 1.26 FED, and 1.00 PR positions annually associated with a position that has been vacant for 18 or more months.

Note:

Overall, for the Department of Children and Families, the motion provides \$6,549,500 (\$1,104,900 GPR, \$963,200 FED, and \$4,481,400 PR) in 2023-24 and \$123,562,100 (\$14,572,300 GPR, \$963,200 FED, \$4,481,400 PR) in 2024-25 with -0.01 GPR, 1.26 FED, 1.00 PR positions beginning in 2023-24. The motion also decreases funding budgeted for the caretaker supplement in the Department of Health Services by \$8,445,100 PR in 2023-24 and \$7,154,600 PR in 2024-25. The motion also provides \$15,500,000 in 2023-24 and \$500,000 in 2024-25, to the Committee's supplemental appropriation. The table on the following pages shows the fiscal effect of the motion.

Funding - Change to Base

	2023-24				2024-25			
	GPR	FED	PR	Total	GPR	FED	PR	Total
<u>Department of Children and Families</u>								
TANF and Economic Support								
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Estimates of TANF-Related Programs under								
Current Law	\$0	-\$10,875,000	\$0	-\$10,875,000	\$0	-\$6,598,000	\$0	-\$6,598,000
Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program	0	-15,440,600	0	-15,440,600	0	44,379,300	0	44,379,300
Tribal Contracts	0	375,000	0	375,000	0	500,000	0	500,000
Quality Care for Quality Kids -- Child Care Quality Improvement Program	0	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	0	20,000,000	0	20,000,000
Child Care Quality and Availability Initiatives	0	535,000	0	535,000	0	9,464,000	0	9,464,000
Child Care Resource and Referral	0	1,300,000	0	1,300,000	0	1,300,000	0	1,300,000
Child Care State Administration	688,700	1,590,400	0	2,279,100	688,700	1,390,400	0	2,079,100
Kinship Care	0	277,400	0	277,400	0	4,219,200	0	4,219,200
Grant Programs	0	6,000,000	0	6,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
State TANF Admin	0	601,200	0	601,200	0	944,700	0	944,700
Caretaker Supplement	0	-8,445,100	0	-8,445,100	0	-7,154,600	0	-7,154,600
PR Adjustment	0	-81,400	81,400	0	0	-66,700	66,700	0
Subtotal	\$688,700	-\$14,163,100	\$81,400	-\$13,393,000	\$688,700	\$69,378,300	\$66,700	\$70,133,700
Child Welfare								
Basic and Treatment Foster Care Rates	\$378,800	\$199,200	\$0	\$578,000	\$757,700	\$398,400	\$0	\$1,156,100
Child-Specific Foster Care Rates	5,600	3,000	0	8,600	11,200	5,900	0	17,100
Tribal Subsidized Guardianships	0	139,200	256,600	395,800	0	153,400	282,600	436,000
eWiSACWIS Enhancements	0	2,687,700	0	2,687,700	0	2,687,700	0	2,687,700
eWiSACWIS -- Youth Justice Case Management	0	1,176,000	0	1,176,000	0	1,176,000	0	1,176,000
DMCPS Aids Payments and Contracted Services	2,521,100	1,753,200	0	4,274,300	2,514,000	1,750,800	0	4,264,800
State Out-of-Home Care and Adoptions Reestimate	-4,055,700	1,316,000	0	-2,739,700	-3,119,200	1,708,600	0	-1,410,600
Qualified Residential Treatment Program Training	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000
Menominee Tribe Child Protective Services	0	0	507,000	507,000	0	507,000	0	507,000
Triple P Online	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Subtotal	-\$1,150,200	\$9,981,300	\$763,600	\$9,087,700	\$163,700	\$10,587,800	\$282,600	\$11,034,100

	Funding							
	2023-24				2024-25			
	<u>GPR</u>	<u>FED</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>GPR</u>	<u>FED</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Department of Children and Families</u>								
Juvenile Justice								
SRCC Bonus Funding for Qualifying Counties	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$750,000
Child Support and Departmentwide								
Local Child Support Enforcement	\$1,083,300	\$4,853,000	\$0	\$5,936,300	\$5,000,000	\$9,705,900	\$0	\$14,705,900
Child Support IT Modernization Project	0	0	0	0	7,486,800	14,533,100	0	22,019,900
Funding and Position Realignment	-1,000	700	111,900	111,600	-1,000	700	111,900	111,600
Program Revenue and Federal Revenue Reestimates	0	121,100	3,500,000	3,621,100	0	121,100	3,500,000	3,621,100
Cyber Security	<u>484,100</u>	<u>677,200</u>	<u>24,500</u>	<u>1,185,800</u>	<u>484,100</u>	<u>677,200</u>	<u>24,500</u>	<u>1,185,800</u>
Subtotal	\$1,566,400	\$5,652,000	\$3,636,400	\$10,854,800	\$12,969,900	\$25,038,000	\$3,636,400	\$41,644,300
DCF CHANGE TO BASE	\$1,104,900	\$963,200	\$4,481,400	\$6,549,500	\$14,572,300	\$104,497,100	\$4,492,700	\$123,562,100
<u>Department of Health Services</u>								
Caretaker Supplement	\$0	\$0	-\$8,445,100	-\$8,445,100	\$0	\$0	-\$7,154,600	-\$7,154,600
<u>Program Supplemental</u>								
Child Care Revolving Loan Fund	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Reading Program	<u>500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Subtotal	\$15,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
TOTAL CHANGE TO BASE	\$16,604,900	\$963,200	-\$3,963,700	\$13,604,400	\$19,572,300	\$104,497,100	-\$2,661,900	\$121,407,500