



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Bill 785**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 785**

Assembly Bill 785 directs the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to administer a child abuse and neglect prevention services grant program. Specifically, DCF must award grants to counties, nonprofit organizations, and tribes for the purpose of encouraging innovative practices aimed at reducing the contact that families have with the child welfare system and preventing the removal of children from their homes. Grant recipients must provide matching funds equal to 9.89% of the grant amount awarded. DCF must evaluate the effectiveness of the grant program in achieving its stated goals and must, by June 30, 2021, and each odd-numbered year thereafter, submit a report on that evaluation to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature. The bill designates \$500,000 in federal funds, under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, for the grant program each fiscal year.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies the fiscal changes to occur under the bill. Specifically, the amendment directs \$500,000 per year from the federal TANF block grant to the appropriation necessary to fund the grant program as provided under the bill.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representatives Doyle and Snyder offered Assembly Amendment 1 on January 23, 2018. On January 31, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Children and Families unanimously recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of Assembly Bill 785, as amended.

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