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Child Care Program Integrity Unit (DCF -- Economic Support and Child Care)

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CURRENT LAW

Under 2009 Wisconsin Act 2, funding was provided to add 5.0 positions to the program integrity unit in the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide additional oversight of the Wisconsin Shares program, the state's child care subsidy program.

The program integrity unit is responsible for: (a) ensuring that parents and providers receiving state child care subsidies comply with state and federal statutes and rules; (b) monitoring billing and attendance activity; and (c) implementing overpayment prevention strategies.

The additional 5.0 positions include: (a) a balance of state coordinator (to cover areas outside of Milwaukee County); (b) a central office coordinator/data specialist; (c) two field positions, with at least one located in Milwaukee County; and (d) a fraud specialist or investigator.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$337,200 FED in 2009-10 and \$449,600 FED in 2010-11 to provide ongoing support for the 5.0 program integrity unit positions authorized under 2009 Act 2 as follows: (a) salaries (\$203,800 in 2009-10 and \$271,700 in 2010-11); (b) fringe benefits (\$95,900 in 2009-10 and \$127,900 in 2010-11); and (c) supplies and travel (\$37,500 in 2009-10 and \$50,000 in 2010-11). Federal funding is provided under the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block grant and the child care development block grant (CCDBG).

MODIFICATION

Increase funding in the bill by \$112,400 FED in 2009-10 to increase support for: (a) salaries (\$67,900); (b) fringe benefits (\$32,000); and (c) supplies and travel (\$12,500).

Explanation: This modification reflects funding for the full 12 months in 2009-10 for the additional 5.0 positions for the program integrity unit. The bill would provide funding for only nine months. However, because the positions were already established under 2009 Act 2, a full 12 months of funding would be needed in 2009-10, as well as 2010-11, to fully fund these positions in the 2009-11 biennium.

Change to Bill Funding	
FED	\$112,400

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