



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1192/P3

EHS:cdc

DOA:.....Rice, BB0232 - Child care partnership grant program

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**CHILDREN**

***Child care partnership grant program***

This bill authorizes DCF to establish a grant program to award funding to businesses, nonprofits, or governmental entities (businesses) that provide or wish to provide child care services for their employees. The bill allows such a grant to be used to reserve child care placements for local business employees, pay child care tuition, and other costs related to child care. Under the bill, a grant recipient with 50 or fewer employees must provide at least 10 percent matching funds and a grant recipient with more than 50 employees must provide at least 15 percent matching funds. The bill allows DCF to promulgate rules to administer the grant program, including to determine eligibility for a grant, and authorizes DCF to promulgate these as emergency rules.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.437 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

20.437 (2) (d) *Child care partnership grant program.* The amounts in the schedule for the grants under s. 49.132.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 49.132 of the statutes is created to read:

**49.132 Child care partnership grant program.** (1) In this section,

**BILL****SECTION 2**

“business” means a governmental entity, an organization or enterprise operated for profit, or a nonprofit corporation.

(2) The department may establish a grant program to award funding to businesses that provide or wish to provide child care services for their employees. A grant awarded under this program may be used to reserve child care placements for local business employees, pay child care tuition, and other costs related to child care.

(3) A business awarded a grant under this section shall provide matching funds equal to 10 percent or more of the amount awarded if the business has 50 or fewer employees and 15 percent or more of the amount awarded if the business has more than 50 employees.

(4) The department may promulgate rules to administer this section, including to determine eligibility for a grant.

**SECTION 9106. Nonstatutory provisions; Children and Families.**

(1) CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM; EMERGENCY RULE MAKING. The department of children and families may promulgate emergency rules under s. 227.24 to implement s. 49.132. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules promulgated under this subsection remain in effect until July 1, 2027, or the date on which permanent rules take effect, whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3), the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

(END)