



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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**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**

**GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

***Grants for free and charitable clinics and FQHC look-alikes***

Under current law, DHS must annually award \$2,250,000 in grants to free and charitable clinics. This bill increases that amount to \$2,500,000 annually. Free and charitable clinics are nonprofit health care organizations that provide health services to individuals who are uninsured, underinsured, or have limited or no access to primary, specialty, or prescription care.

The bill also requires DHS to annually award \$200,000 in grants to federally qualified health center (FQHC) look-alikes. Under the bill, a grant to an FQHC look-alike may not exceed \$100,000. "FQHC" is a federal designation for health care entities that meet certain requirements, including providing primary health care services to medically underserved populations, and receive federal grant moneys. "FQHC look-alike" is a federal designation for health care entities that meet all of the requirements of FQHCs but do not receive federal FQHC grant moneys.

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.** 250.15 (1) (b) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

250.15 (1) (b) 7. The organizations are not health center look-alikes.

**SECTION 2.** 250.15 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

250.15 (1) (c) "Health center look-alike" means a health care entity that is

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designated by the federal health resources and services administration as a federally qualified health center look-alike.

**SECTION 3.** 250.15 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

250.15 (2) (d) ~~Two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars to~~ To free and charitable clinics, \$2,500,000.

**SECTION 4.** 250.15 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

250.15 (2) (e) To health center look-alikes, \$200,000. A grant awarded to a health center look-alike under this paragraph may not exceed \$100,000.

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