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FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Under current law, DCF allocates specific amounts of federal moneys, including child care development funds and moneys received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, for various public assistance programs. Under this bill, TANF funding allocations are changed in the following ways, as compared to the funding allocation in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium:

1. For homeless case management services grants, total funding is doubled.
2. For the administration of public assistance programs and collection of public assistance overpayments, total funding is increased by 33 percent.
3. For emergency assistance payments, total funding is increased by 71 percent.
4. For grants to Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., for distribution to programs that provide civil legal services to low-income families, funding is increased by 800 percent, from \$500,000 per fiscal year to \$4,500,000 per fiscal year.
5. For the Transform Milwaukee and Transitional Jobs programs, total funding is increased by 31 percent.
6. For the Jobs for America's Graduates program, total funding is doubled.
7. For direct child care services, child care administration, and child care improvement programs, total funding is increased by 14 percent.
8. For the support of the dependent children of recipients of supplemental security income, funding is increased by 75 percent per fiscal year from the funding in fiscal year 2024-25.
9. For kinship care and long-term kinship care payments and kinship care administration, total funding is increased by 47 percent.
10. For grants to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, funding is increased by 239 percent, from \$2,807,000 in each fiscal year to \$9,507,000 in each fiscal year.
11. For the earned income tax credit supplement, total funding is increased by 60 percent.

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12. For all other programs under TANF, funding is continued with a funding change of 6 percent or less.

The bill additionally allocates \$3,472,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$6,944,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for a child support debt reduction program and repeals an allocation of \$500,000 per fiscal year for skills enhancement grants.

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

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

SECTION 1. 49.175 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (a) *Wisconsin Works benefits.* For Wisconsin Works benefits, ~~\$37,000,000~~ \$26,806,500 in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and ~~\$34,000,000~~ \$26,987,700 in fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. ~~In fiscal year 2023-24, for such benefits, \$28,000,000. In fiscal year 2024-25, for such benefits, \$29,000,000~~ 2026-27.

SECTION 2. 49.175 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (b) *Wisconsin Works agency contracts; job access loans.* For contracts with Wisconsin Works agencies under s. 49.143 and for job access loans under s. 49.147 (6), ~~\$54,009,700~~ \$58,892,400 in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and ~~\$57,071,200~~ \$59,071,200 in each fiscal year ~~thereafter~~ 2026-27.

SECTION 3. 49.175 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (f) *Homeless case management services grants.* For grants to shelter facilities under s. 16.3085, ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year. All moneys allocated under this paragraph shall be credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.505 (7) (kg).

SECTION 4. 49.175 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (g) *State administration of public assistance programs and overpayment collections.* For state administration of public assistance programs

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and the collection of public assistance overpayments, ~~\$17,231,100~~ \$25,258,600 in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and ~~\$17,482,300~~ \$25,707,800 in fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. ~~In fiscal year 2023-24, for such purposes, \$19,015,300. In fiscal year 2024-25, for such purposes, \$19,424,300~~ 2026-27.

SECTION 5. 49.175 (1) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (i) *Emergency assistance.* For emergency assistance under s. 49.138 and for transfer to the department of administration for low-income energy or weatherization assistance programs, ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$10,414,400 in each fiscal year 2025-26 and \$10,141,300 in fiscal year 2026-27.

SECTION 6. 49.175 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (j) *Grants for providing civil legal services.* For the grants under s. 49.1635 ~~(5)~~ to Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc., for distribution to programs that provide civil legal services to low-income families, ~~\$500,000~~ \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 49.175 (1) (j). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1181/P1 and -1899/P5.

SECTION 7. 49.175 (1) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (k) *Transform Milwaukee and Transitional Jobs programs.* For contract costs under the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and the Transitional Jobs program under s. 49.163, ~~\$9,500,000~~ \$12,475,000 in each fiscal year.

SECTION 8. 49.175 (1) (Lm) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (Lm) *Jobs for America's Graduates.* For grants to the Jobs for America's Graduates-Wisconsin to fund programs that improve social, academic, and employment skills of youth who are eligible to receive temporary assistance for needy families under [42 USC 601](#) et seq., in each fiscal year, ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000.

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SECTION 9. 49.175 (1) (Lp) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 10. 49.175 (1) (ms) of the statutes is created to read:

49.175 (1) (ms) *Child support debt reduction.* For the child support debt reduction program for noncustodial parents under s. 49.226, \$3,472,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$6,944,000 in fiscal year 2026-27.

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 49.175 (1) (ms). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1899/P5 and -1182/P2.

SECTION 11. 49.175 (1) (p) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (p) *Direct child care services.* For direct child care services under s. 49.155 or 49.257, ~~\$376,700,400~~ \$438,582,000 in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and ~~\$383,900,400~~ \$459,111,600 in fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. ~~In fiscal year 2023-24, for such direct child care services, \$368,834,800. In fiscal year 2024-25, for such direct child care services, \$428,779,700~~ 2026-27.

SECTION 12. 49.175 (1) (q) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (q) *Child care state administration and licensing activities.* For state administration of child care programs under s. 49.155 and for child care licensing activities, ~~\$42,117,800~~ \$52,983,800 in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and ~~\$41,803,100~~ \$53,723,400 in fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. ~~In fiscal year 2023-24, for such programs and activities, \$45,796,000. In fiscal year 2024-25, for such programs and activities, \$45,570,300~~ 2026-27.

SECTION 13. 49.175 (1) (qm) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (qm) *Quality care for quality kids.* For the child care quality improvement activities specified in ss. ~~49.133~~, 49.155 (1g) and 49.257, ~~\$16,683,700~~ \$49,446,300 in each fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. ~~In fiscal year 2023-24, for such activities, \$28,518,700. In fiscal year 2024-25, for such activities, \$46,018,700.~~

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****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 49.175 (1) (qm). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: -1182/P2 and -1899/P5.

SECTION 14. 49.175 (1) (r) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (r) *Children of recipients of supplemental security income.* For payments made under s. 49.775 for the support of the dependent children of recipients of supplemental security income, ~~\$18,564,700~~ \$19,262,100 in each fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ and ~~\$18,145,000~~ in fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. In fiscal year ~~2023-24~~, for such payments, ~~\$9,699,900~~. In fiscal year ~~2024-25~~, for such payments, ~~\$10,990,400~~.

SECTION 15. 49.175 (1) (s) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (s) *Kinship care and long-term kinship care assistance.* For kinship care and long-term kinship care payments under s. 48.57 (3m) (am) and (3n) (am), for assessments to determine eligibility for those payments, and for agreements under s. 48.57 (3t) with the governing bodies of Indian tribes for the administration of the kinship care and long-term kinship care programs within the boundaries of the reservations of those tribes, ~~\$28,727,100~~ \$45,686,700 in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and ~~\$31,441,800~~ \$53,125,600 in fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. In fiscal year ~~2023-24~~, for such payments, ~~\$31,719,200~~. In fiscal year ~~2024-25~~, for such payments, ~~\$35,661,000~~ 2026-27.

SECTION 16. 49.175 (1) (z) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (z) *Grants to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.* For grants to the Wisconsin Chapter of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to fund programs that improve social, academic, and employment skills of youth who are eligible to receive temporary assistance for needy families under [42 USC 601](#) et seq., focusing on study habits, intensive tutoring in math and English, and exposure to career options and role models, ~~\$2,807,000~~ \$9,507,000 in each fiscal year. Grants provided

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under this paragraph may not be used by the grant recipient to replace funding for programs that are being funded, when the grant proceeds are received, with moneys other than those from the appropriations specified in sub. (1) (intro.). The total amount of the grants includes funds for the BE GREAT: Graduate program in the amount of matching funds that the program provides, up to \$1,532,000 in each fiscal year, to be used only for activities for which federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant moneys may be used.

SECTION 17. 49.175 (1) (zh) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (zh) *Earned income tax credit supplement.* For the transfer of moneys from the appropriation account under s. 20.437 (2) (md) to the appropriation account under s. 20.835 (2) (kf) for the earned income tax credit, ~~\$63,600,000~~ \$100,907,800 in fiscal year ~~2021-22~~ 2025-26 and ~~\$66,600,000~~ \$101,558,500 in fiscal year ~~2022-23~~. ~~In fiscal year 2023-24, for such purposes,~~ ~~\$61,725,000.~~ ~~In fiscal year 2024-25, for such purposes,~~ ~~\$65,002,000~~ 2026-27.

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