## State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 996

March 2, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives Shankland, Billings, Anderson, Crowley, Hebl, Kolste, Neubauer, C. Taylor, Zamarripa, Pope, Sargent, Brostoff, Spreitzer, Considine and Subeck, cosponsored by Senators Johnson, Erpenbach, Ringhand and Smith. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

AN ACT *to amend* 49.175 (1) (p) of the statutes; **relating to:** child care provider rates under Wisconsin Shares, funding for Wisconsin Shares child care subsidies, and making an appropriation.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases funding for child care subsidies under the Wisconsin Shares program and requires the Department of Children and Families to increase maximum payment rates for licensed child care services provided under Wisconsin Shares no later than 30 days after the bill goes into effect.

The Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law, which is administered by DCF, provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. Also, an individual who is the parent of a child under the age of 13 or, if the child is disabled, under the age of 19, who needs child care services to participate in various educational or work activities, and who satisfies other eligibility criteria may receive a child care subsidy for child care services under the W-2 program. This child care subsidy program is known as Wisconsin Shares.

Under current law, DCF is directed to allocate in each fiscal year specific amounts of money, including federal moneys received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, for various public assistance programs. Current law directs DCF to allocate \$365,700,400 in fiscal year 2020–21 for direct child care services under Wisconsin Shares. This bill increases that allocation to \$416,700,400.

The bill directs that DCF increase child care payment rates under Wisconsin Shares no later than 30 days after the bill goes into effect.

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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) (p) of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin Act 9, is amended to read:

49.175 (1) (p) *Direct child care services*. For direct child care services under s. 49.155 or 49.257, \$357,097,500 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$365,700,400 \$416,700,400 in fiscal year 2020-21.

#### **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) The department of children and families shall increase the child care payment rates for licensed child care services under s. 49.155 (6) no later than the 30th day beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

#### Section 3. Fiscal changes.

(1) In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of children and families under s. 20.437 (2) (md), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020–21 is increased by \$51,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the child care payment rates for child care services provided under s. 49.155.

15 (END)