



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

LRB-4929/3
EAW:jld/kjf/ahe

2017 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.437 (1) (bg) of the statutes; **relating to:** funding for grants
2 to support foster parents and foster children and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides \$400,000 in funding to the Department of Children and Families for grant to counties, tribes, and nonprofits to support foster parents and provide normalcy for children in out-of-home care.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

BILL

2017-18

2018-19

1 **20.437 Children and families, department of**

2 (1) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

3 (bg) Grants to support foster parents

4 and children GPR A -0- 400,000

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

6 20.437 (1) (bg) *Grants to support foster parents and children.* The amounts in
7 the schedule for grants by the department of children and families under 2017
8 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 3.

9 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

10 (1) GRANTS TO SUPPORT FOSTER PARENTS AND CHILDREN. The department of
11 children and families shall distribute not more than \$400,000 in fiscal year 2018-19
12 in grants to counties, nonprofit organizations, or tribes for the purpose of supporting
13 foster parents and providing normalcy for children in out-of-home care. Qualifying
14 expenses may include incentives for the retention of foster parents, enhancing foster
15 parent education, and reimbursing foster parents for foster care related expenses.
16 The department shall conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the grant program
17 in achieving its stated goals and, by June 30, 2021, shall submit a report on that
18 evaluation to the appropriate standing committees under section 13.172 (3).

19 (END)