



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 48.545 (1) (a); and *to create* 48.545 (1) (ac), 48.545 (1) (c),
2 48.545 (2) (c) and 49.175 (1) (o) of the statutes; **relating to:** evidence-based
3 programs for substance abuse prevention services for at-risk youth.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families is directed to allocate specific amounts of money, including federal moneys received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program, for various public assistance programs. This bill directs DCF to allocate \$500,000 of TANF funding annually to the Brighter Futures initiative through DCF to provide grants for evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs. Under the bill, grants may not be awarded in counties that already offer evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs for at-risk youth and their families.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 48.545 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 48.545 (1) (am).

5 **SECTION 2.** 48.545 (1) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

1 48.545 (1) (ac) “Celebrating Families program” means an evidence-based
2 cognitive behavioral support group program, developed by the National Association
3 for Children of Addiction, for families in which one or both parents have a serious
4 problem with alcohol or other drugs and in which there is a high risk for domestic
5 violence or child abuse or neglect.

6 **SECTION 3.** 48.545 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

7 48.545 (1) (c) “Strengthening Families program” means an evidence-based
8 parenting skills, children’s social skills, and family life skills training program
9 specifically designed for high-risk families, developed by the Strengthening
10 Families Foundation.

11 **SECTION 4.** 48.545 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

12 48.545 (2) (c) 1. Beginning in fiscal year 2018-19, the department shall
13 distribute \$500,000 in grants in each fiscal year for the Strengthening Families or
14 the Celebrating Families programs, or similar programs to provide evidence-based
15 programs and practices for substance abuse prevention to at-risk youth and their
16 families.

17 2. Grants under this paragraph may be made to applying nonprofit
18 corporations or public agencies in a county with a population of 750,000 or more, or
19 county departments under s. 46.22, 46.23, 51.42, or 51.437 in counties other than a
20 county having a population of 750,000 or more.

21 3. The department may not award a grant under this paragraph in a county
22 where the services described under subd. 1. were offered in the preceding fiscal year.

23 **SECTION 5.** 49.175 (1) (o) of the statutes is created to read:

