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Brighter Futures Program

Motion:

Move to specify that the Department of Children and Families may distribute funds from the amounts enumerated in s. 48.545(2)(a) for the Brighter Future Grant Initiative to an organization to provide a program that accomplishes all of the following: (a) prevents and reduces the incidence and effects of adverse early childhood experiences for children up to eight years old through behavioral health and other services; (b) trains practitioners in serving youth up to age eight; (c) provides professional development, training, research and direct services to youth up to age eight; (d) provides child care services, including a special care nursery, which are rated five stars under the YoungStar child care quality and improvement rating system; and (e) provides Birth to 3 Services, early education and child care, in-home treatment sessions, family services, and outpatient services for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy. Also, specify that the benchmarks and reporting requirements under s. 48.545(3)(b) do not apply to the grant.

Note:

The Brighter Futures Initiative is a statewide program that seeks to prevent and reduce youth violence and other delinquent behavior, youth alcohol and other drug use and abuse, child abuse and neglect, and non-marital pregnancy. The Brighter Futures Initiative distributes more than \$2,000,000 in grants each fiscal year to nonprofit organizations and public agencies in Milwaukee County and distributes more than \$1,100,000 in each fiscal year to county departments in the rest of the state. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis for a three-year period.

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