



Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DCF 10/27/2023

LRB Number	23-4421/1	Introduction Number	SB-0487	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> a Department of Children and Families program to make payments to child care programs, a child care partnership grant program, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation					

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill authorizes the Department of Children and Families to establish a program for making monthly payments and monthly per-child payments to certified child care providers, licensed child care centers, and child care programs established or contracted for by a school board. This new payment program is in addition to the current law system for providing child care payments under Wisconsin Shares. The increased cost associated with this change is \$81,389,400 GPR in SFY 24, and \$222,719,300 GPR in SFY25. The bill creates an appropriation under s.20.437(2)(c) to fund the GPR increase. This GPR increase includes funding for 1.0 FTE positions, which are authorized in this bill.

This bill authorizes DCF to establish a grant program to award funding to businesses that provide or wish to provide child care services for their employees. The bill allows such a grant to be used to reserve child care placements for local business employees, pay child care tuition, and other costs related to child care. Under the bill, a grant recipient must provide at least 25 percent matching funds. The increased cost associated with this change is \$11,198,000 GPR in SFY24 and SFY 25. The bill creates an appropriation under s.20.437(2)(d) to fund the GPR increase of \$11,198,000 GPR in SFY 24 and SFY 25

The bill allows DCF to allocate federal funding under the quality improvement program.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**