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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Children and Families: Section 13.10 Request to Transfer Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant Funding and Child Care and Development Block Grant Funding Between Appropriations -- Agenda Item I

REQUEST

The Department of Administration and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau request the transfer of \$300,100 FED from the economic support federal block grant aids appropriation [20.437(2)(md)] to the economic support federal block grant operations appropriation [20.437(2)(mc)] in 2013-14 and the transfer of \$1,415,300 FED from the economic support federal block grant operations appropriation [20.437(2)(mc)] to the economic support block grant aids appropriation [20.437(2)(md)] in 2014-15.

BACKGROUND

During the 2013-15 budget process, adjustments were made to programs funded with the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block grant and the child care and development block grant (CCDBG) to reflect budget decisions made by the Legislature regarding the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program, Wisconsin Shares, and other TANF-related programs administered by the Department of Children and Families.

While the overall TANF and CCDBG funding levels accurately reflect the budget decisions, funding adjustments related to one item were inadvertently taken from the TANF operations appropriation when they should have been taken from the TANF aids appropriation, and funding adjustments related to another item were inadvertently taken from the TANF aids appropriation when they should have been taken from the TANF operations appropriation.

ANALYSIS

Both the TANF operations appropriation and the TANF aids appropriation are annual, sum-certain appropriations. As such, approval is needed from the Joint Committee on Finance to transfer funds between these appropriations.

CONCLUSION

Approving the request to transfer of \$300,100 FED from the TANF aids appropriation to the TANF operations appropriation in 2013-14 and transfer \$1,415,300 FED from the TANF operations appropriation to the TANF aids appropriation in 2014-15 would accurately reflect the decisions made by the Legislature during the budget process and ensure adequate funding for state administration of TANF-related programs and for aids funding for TANF-related programs.

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