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## 2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 710

December 3, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives MURSAU, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, JOERS, KURTZ, PALMERI, SNYDER, SPAUDE, STROUD, SUBECK and UDELL, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, RATCLIFF, ROYS and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 49.155 (1) (ag) and 49.155 (4) (a); *to create* 49.155 (1) (ag) 2.  
2             of the statutes; **relating to:** Wisconsin Shares payments to tribal-regulated  
3             child care providers.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, under the Wisconsin Shares program, the Department of Children and Families provides child care subsidies for low-income custodial parents from the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). Wisconsin Shares payments may only be made to child care providers licensed or certified by DCF or child care providers contracted by a school board.

Under this bill, Wisconsin Shares payments may be made to a child care provider in this state that 1) is operating in Indian country under the licensing or regulatory authority of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, 2) has entered into an agreement with DCF to receive Wisconsin Shares payments, and 3) attests on a form prescribed by DCF, with the tribe or band, that the child care provider meets requirements for receiving payments from the CCDF and any other requirements established by DCF by rule.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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**ASSEMBLY BILL 710****SECTION 1**

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 49.155 (1) (ag) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           49.155 (1) (ag) “Child care provider” means ~~a~~ any of the following:

3           1. A provider licensed under s. 48.65, certified under s. 48.651, or established  
4 or contracted for under s. 120.13 (14).

5           **SECTION 2.** 49.155 (1) (ag) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

6           49.155 (1) (ag) 2. A provider in this state to which all of the following apply:

7           a. The provider operates in Indian country, as defined under 18 USC 1151,  
8 under the licensing or regulatory authority of a federally recognized American  
9 Indian tribe or band located in this state.

10          b. The provider has entered into an agreement with the department to receive  
11 payments under this section.

12          c. The provider and the tribe or band attest on a form prescribed by the  
13 department that the provider is operating under the tribe or band’s licensing or  
14 regulatory authority as a lead agency under 42 USC 9858 et seq. and 45 CFR Part  
15 98, meets the requirements for receiving payments from the federal child care and  
16 development fund program, and satisfies any other requirements established by the  
17 department by rule.

18           **SECTION 3.** 49.155 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           49.155 (4) (a) An eligible individual shall choose whether the child care will be  
20 provided by a child care center licensed under s. 48.65, a Level I certified family  
21 child care provider certified under s. 48.651 (1) (a), a Level II certified family child  
22 care provider certified under s. 48.651 (1) (b), ~~or~~ a child care program provided or

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1 contracted for by a school board under s. 120.13 (14), or a child care provider that

2 meets the requirements under sub. (1) (ag) 2.

3 (END)