



2025-2026 Legislative Session Update

DCF Related Bills of Interest Signed into Law/Vetoed this Legislative Session

Bill #	Summary	Acts/Veto messages
AB-123/SB-131	Child relocation <i>Calculation of miles for purposes of relocation of a child 100 miles or more from the other parent in an action affecting the family</i>	Signed by Governor Evers on 12/9/25 becoming 2025 WI Act 81
AB-111/SB-106	Psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs) <i>Providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures for psychiatric and residential treatment facilities</i>	Signed by Governor Evers on 7/2/25, becoming 2025 WI Act 9
AB-113/SB-108	Sharing minors' safety plans <i>Requires DHS to develop and maintain a portal for sharing safety plans for minors in crisis</i>	Signed by Governor Evers on 7/2/25, becoming 2025 WI Act 10
SB-23/AB-97	Extension of eligibility under the Medical Assistance program for postpartum women <i>Expands eligibility for services from 60 days to up to one year for women post partum</i>	Signed by Governor Evers on 3/18/26, becoming 2025 WI Act 102
AB-237/SB-243	The age at which an infant is covered under the safe haven law <i>Extends the time period for anonymous relinquishment of an infant from 72 hours to 30 days, and requires DCF to provide a brochure to parents advising them of their rights, including an explanation re: the importance of social and cultural connection for Indian children</i>	Signed by Governor Evers on 3/13/26, becoming 2025 Wisconsin Act 94
AB-233/SB-232	Grants to child advocacy centers <i>Provided for DOJ to award grant funding for CACs across the state</i>	Signed by Governor Evers on 7/2/25, becoming 2025 WI Act 13
AB-252/SB-259	Notice of an investigation of child abuse or neglect or unborn child abuse provided to the family advocacy program of the US Dept of Defense <i>Notice to be provided when accused person is a member of the U.S. armed forces, reserve or WI national guard member</i>	Signed by Governor Evers on 3/13/26, becoming 2025 WI Act 96
AB-412/SB-432	Mandatory reporting requirements and referring cases of threatened or suspected child abuse to law enforcement <i>Would require child welfare departments to refer every report of threatened or suspected abuse to local law enforcement authorities, expanding</i>	Vetoed by Governor Evers on 3/27/26, veto message ; concerns about reducing capacity for both child welfare agencies and law enforcement, potentially

	current law which requires reporting only in cases of threatened or suspected sexual abuse or trafficking	making it harder to keep communities safe.
AB-491/SB-485	Video monitoring or recording in residential care centers for children and youth, group homes and shelter care facilities Requires children and their parents, guardians legal custodians or Indian custodian to be informed about video surveillance and recording in these placements	Signed by Governor Evers on 4/3/26, becoming 2025 WI Act 184
AB-806/SB-799	Parental access to health records of minors Makes various changes to parent and guardian access to minors' health records. It would exclude records access for the parent of a minor who has been found in need of protection or services because of the parent's action or inaction	Vetoed by Governor Evers on 4/3/26, veto message ; concerns about privacy and deterrence from important care.
AB-903/SB-893	Termination of parental rights under the safe haven law Imposes timeframes in which a petition to terminate the parental rights of the relinquished newborn would need to be filed in the court	Vetoed by Governor Evers on 4/3/26, veto message ; concerns about harmful impact to Native children.
AB-912/SB-884	An audiovisual recording of a child's statement admitted as evidence Updates WI age thresholds for the admissibility of recorded audiovisual statements by children, expanding to allow recorded statements made before a child's 18 th birthday	Signed by Governor Evers on 4/9/26 becoming 2025 WI Act 246
AB-369/SB-376	Tax credit for employer provided child care Allows eligible individuals to claim the federal employer-provided child care credit to claim nonrefundable state income and franchise tax credit equal to the amount the person may claim for the federal employer provided child care credit	Signed by Governor Evers on 4/3/26, becoming 2025 WI Act 183
AB-778/SB-767	Eligibility for the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and the Transitional Jobs program Modifies program eligibility requirements by removing the requirement that an individual has to have been unemployed for 4 weeks, and clarifies that anyone who is ineligible for unemployment insurance, regardless of whether they have applied for benefits, may participate	Signed by Governor Evers on 4/2/26, becoming 2025 WI Act 176
AB-153/SB-163	Income change notifications for child support or maintenance orders Requires both parties to disclose income change, not just the parent payor	Signed by Governor Evers on 12/9/25, becoming 2025 WI Act 82